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UM football star facing charges

Police: McMillian pushed, fled officer

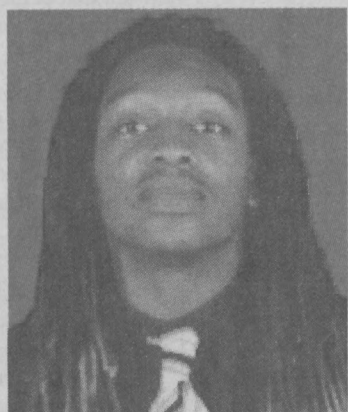
A University of Maine football player was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, assault and failure to submit to arrest Friday morning at Curva Ultra Lounge on Park Street in Orono, according to The Bangor Daily News.

Junior strong safety Jerron McMillian, a Hillside, N.J. native, was taken to Penobscot County Jail around 1:35 a.m. after a purported scuffle with police at the club. The BDN reported that he was released on bail later in the day and is due in court at the Penobscot Judicial Center on Jan. 6, 2011.

The BDN reported that Orono police Sgt. Scott LaJoie, who was in the establishment's parking lot at the time, saw a confrontation and called officers for assistance. McMillian and a man with blood on his face were arguing, but the latter said no assault took place and did not want to press charges. When LaJoie questioned that man, McMillian reportedly walked away.

Officer Stephen Marko then stepped in front of McMillian, who allegedly yelled at and pushed the officer. Other officers then attempted to arrest the athlete, saying they would taser him if necessary.

McMillian allegedly sub-



McMillian

mitted, but then rolled over, stood up, pushed another officer and ran away. He was arrested by LaJoie after slipping on wet grass, according to the article.

Citing UMaine spokesman Joe Carr, the BDN article stated that the case will be addressed by Athletic Director Steve Abbott in the coming days. McMillian will also be referred to the Dean of Students' office.

McMillian was a stalwart of the 4-7 Black Bears' defensive unit and was recently named to the All-Colonial Athletic Association's Second Team for his play this season. He recorded 58 tackles and eight passes defended, good for 14th and 10th in the nation, respectively.

2011 Zimbabwean elections could be violent

Lecturer from African nation discusses past, current nature of political attacks

By Rob Stigile
News Editor

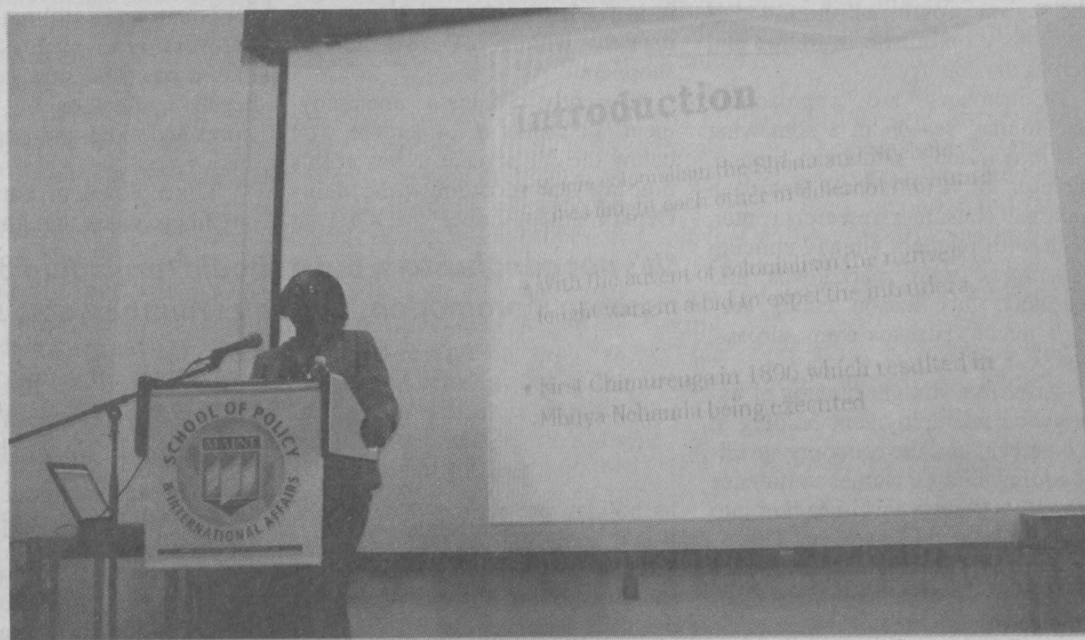
The upcoming 2011 national elections in Zimbabwe could usher in a fresh wave of politically motivated violence resulting from an uncommitted government organization designed to curb such attacks, according to the director of a human rights monitoring group.

Jestina Mukoko, director of political violence watchdog group the Zimbabwe Peace Project, gave a speech titled "Political Violence in Zimbabwe: A Curse or an Age-Old Tradition" Dec. 2 in which she described fear that next year's elections would prove to be more violent than the one held in 2008, during which the now-infamous Reign of Terror began.

Mukoko said that Zimbabweans "hate to think what will happen as we approach an election," as everyone since 2000 has seen widespread acts of violence, mainly against those attempting to spur change in the government.

Currently, two representatives from the ZPP are stationed in each electoral constituency to record and monitor acts of violence alleged to have political motivations. During the Reign of Terror's height in May 2008, the ZPP recorded a peak of 6,288 attacks related to the election.

Seven months after that peak, Mukoko herself was abducted



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Jestina Mukoko, National Director of the Zimbabwe Peace Project, talks about the Non-Governmental Organizations purpose during a presentation titled "Political Violence in Zimbabwe: A Curse or an Age Old Culture" in the Bangor Room of the Memorial Union on Thursday. The ZPP reports on human rights violations in Zimbabwe.

and tortured by secret police agents. The BBC reported that she was held for 21 days and charged with "attempting to recruit people for military training to try to overthrow the government (Seized Zimbabwe activist in court, Dec. 24, 2008)."

While Mukoko acknowledged that "since colonial times, violence has been perpetrated with impunity" in Zimbabwe, she said that recently these attacks have occurred mainly against those promoting the democratization of the national

government. Under the terms of a power-sharing agreement enacted in February 2009, President Robert Mugabe and Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai rule Zimbabwe's government.

She described the 2005 national elections as "relatively peaceful" when compared to the hotly contested run-off in 2008. While the ZPP recorded "an assault here, an assault there," no gross human rights violations were reported.

However, the 2008 elections proved to be a far different af-

fair than those of 2005. During that election cycle, neither candidate won the required "50 percent and one vote" to secure the presidential seat, prompting a second vote to be held.

Mukoko said it was between the first and second vote that the Reign of Terror broke out, as supporters of President Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union — Patriotic Front sought to stifle the opposition through any means possible.

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GSS: Vote 'yes' on DREAM

Senators see bill as essential piece of immigration reform

By Christopher Crosby
Staff Reporter

Three representatives of the University of Maine Student Government held a press conference Dec. 2 to promote the body's recent endorsement of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act.

At its Nov. 30 session, the General Student Senate approved a resolution urging U.S. Sens. Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins as well as Reps. Michael Michaud and Chellie Pingree to vote in favor of the DREAM Act.

If passed through Congress, the DREAM Act would provide illegal immigrants with a U.S. high school diploma who en-

tered the country before the age of 16, and are between the ages of 12 and 35, a route to citizenship following completion of either two years of college or military service. After a six-year period during which they receive conditional citizenship, they could then seek permanent citizen status.

Sen. Ben Goodman, who helped sponsor the bill, said often these illegal immigrants who came to the country at such a young age "have no other choice — no other home." Goodman mentioned California State University at Fresno Student Body President Pedro Ramirez, who recently divulged his undocumented status, as being one of the thousands the legislation would impact.

Sen. José Roman, who was born in Dominican Republic and became a naturalized U.S. citizen after his mother went through the 10-year immigration process, emphasized the positive cultural impacts the legislation would have.

"This [legislation] is enabling people to become fully functional members of society," Roman said.

Sen. Peter Christopher noted the importance of Snowe and Collins' votes, saying that Student Government passed the resolution urging the congressional delegation to vote favorably since Maine is a "critical piece in the puzzle to get this passed."

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Haley Johnston • Staff Photographer

Supporters of Independent gubernatorial candidate Eliot Cutler rally at his Election Day party at the Eastland Park Hotel in Portland. Cutler lost the election by less than 2 percent to Republican Paul LePage and is voicing opposition to the early voting process in Maine.

Cutler: Absentee process flawed

Orono, Old Town clerks report difficulties fulfilling requests

By Michael Shepherd
Editor in Chief

As the runner-up of the 2010 Maine gubernatorial election laments the state's absentee voting process, municipal officials cite the difficulty of small cities and towns to process early votes.

Independent candidate Eliot Cutler, who lost on Nov. 2 by slightly more than 9,400 votes — less than 2 percent of the total vote — wrote an op-ed in The Wall Street Journal on Nov. 17 titled "Who Stole Election Day?"

In it, he told the story of "Marie," a voter he met in Lewiston who told Cutler personally that she made "a mistake" after not voting for him early.

"In the end, more than 207,000 voters marked their ballots for me, and perhaps several thousand more would have had they not voted early," Cutler wrote. "About 25 [percent] of all votes were cast this year before Nov. 2. Many voters are making decisions at times when horse-race coverage dominates the news, attention to issues is limited, and key debates haven't taken place."

He also referenced his independent status, saying parties calculated "which candidate was in the best position to deny the governorship to the candidate they didn't want. The parties effectively played to these fears well before voters realized that three independent candidates of-

fered them other choices."

LePage spokesman Dan Demeritt, contacted by The Maine Campus on Friday, said his campaign fielded no complaints from voters who wanted to change early ballots in LePage's favor. He also said Cutler was merely "complaining."

"Whether you're a Republican or Democrat, you're going to have a certain segment of the population that will look at the letter next to your name [and is] going to vote against you every time," he said. "As an independent ... you don't have the party label or any of the baggage."

Cutler did not respond to inquiries from The Maine Campus

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Courtesy of Michael Murphy

Llama? No! This elusive albino deer has been wandering the University of Maine campus and forests for months. The deer was recently spotted in the fields off of Rangeley Road, but has also been reported in other Orono and Old Town locations.

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Local shops see mixed holiday sales

Efforts promoting quality of products from small businesses may help bolster bottom line

By Jamison Cocklin
Staff Reporter

After big gains statewide and across the nation on Black Friday, small retailers in Maine are anticipating both a steady flow of customers and greater profits as a result of the holiday season.

But economic uncertainty remains stubborn after a discouraging jobs report from the U.S. Department of Labor last Friday. Yet, as the season progresses, the mood is cautiously optimistic in Maine and across the country.

"Consumers are approaching the holiday season in a somewhat cautious mood," said Lynn Franco, director of Conference Board, a national consumer research center. "But with retailers already enticing consumers with markdowns and bargains, this season could very well match, perhaps even surpass, last year's."

After five straight months of nationwide unemployment holding at 9.6 percent and the economy steadily adding jobs, consumer confidence was at its highest level heading into November at 54.1 percent. This is up from 49.9 percent in October, according to a press release from Conference Board.

Despite the upward trend, last Friday's report showed November's unemployment rate at 9.8 percent. Furthermore, the national economy added only 39,000 jobs in November, falling 140,000 short of the department's expectations.

The report may prove to be a temporary setback as numbers tend to fluctuate each month, but some economists maintain that such news could negatively impact the holiday spirit, thus affecting retailers' bottom lines.

Conversely, according to Internet research firm, comScore, early indicators show that consumers are not holding back. The firm deemed this year's Cyber Monday as "record breaking," with online retailers netting \$1 billion in profits and showing e-commerce spending in the first 29 days of November at nearly \$14 billion.

With these measures and strong gains from Black Friday, ample

evidence shows that retailers stand to gain this season, and consumers can count on an abundance of promotional deals until the day after Christmas.

Whether or not the success will transfer to Maine's smaller retailers, such as those in downtown Orono, is uncertain for now, but economists and analysts maintain that the ball is in their court. In Maine and across New England, the outlook appears to be brighter and the fiscal climate is in far better shape to accommodate the whimsy of eager holiday shoppers.

Currently, Maine's unemployment rate stands at 7.4 percent, well below the 8.1 percent it was at this time last year, according to the Maine Department of Labor (MDOL). In

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Professor of economics
University of Maine

its holiday projections, Conference Board said that the average New England household is expected to spend \$473 on gifts, compared to the \$384 national average.

In the meantime, uncertainty continues to show itself in the Pine Tree state, as figures from the MDOL warn that 9,000 residents could lose unemployment benefits by the end of the month if Congress does not act soon to approve an extension.

Despite the recent jobs report, combined with an unexpected hike in national unemployment rates and in-state concerns that could threaten bottom lines, many economists are predicting a better year for retail, especially for small businesses.

Jim McConnon, Cooperative Extension specialist and economics professor at UMaine, expects sales to increase, particularly in Maine.

The growth, according to economists like McConnon, can be attributed to 2008's stagnant market, where retail sales fell 3.9 percent, and only slightly increased in 2009 by 1 percent. McConnon said analysts are projecting a 2 to 3 percent increase in retail purchases during

this year's holiday, based on early indicators like those from Cyber Monday and Black Friday.

"At home in Maine personal income, along with wages and salaries, have both coincidentally picked up at around 2.6 percent," McConnon said. "So based on these numbers and early returns around Thanksgiving, we should see a slow improvement — definitely a positive sign."

However, McConnon cautioned that many in Maine, as well as across the country, are still out of work, or not working as much as they would like, a trend he says could have a negative affect on big department stores and mom-and-pop operations alike.

"Unemployment puts a damper on things even though unemploy-

ment is comparatively low in Maine, it doesn't mean it isn't high," he said. "It has the ability to really affect consumer confidence."

McConnon also said smaller businesses have an upper hand because recent efforts to promote local economies have led to shoppers focusing more on quality and value, rather than on price.

"Consumers are still willing to loosen their purse strings, even during tough times, and certainly during the holidays — they're looking for very specific types of gifts," he said. "Smaller retailers have taken notice of the trend, and they're competing with big department stores by offering shoppers tremendous promotions early on, as well as specialty products. It's good news for consumers and they're supporting local business as a result."

Kathy Walton, owner of Fire Sign, a small shop smelling of incense and adorned with books and novelty trinkets in downtown Orono, said such promotions work really well over the holidays. She said business has not picked up yet, but she expects an influx as Christ-

mas draws near. In addition to her regular frequent buyer cards, which offer a host of special perks, she is running coupon deals allowing the customer to accumulate dollar-off coupons with every purchase. In this way, she said if customers buy ten items, no matter what the cost, they will receive a \$10-off discount on their next purchase. Walton expressed a need for more advertising, but said promotions spur sales and generate extra business around the holidays.

At The Store Ampersand, a specialty gourmet foods store in downtown Orono, owner Roberta Bradson also expects more seasonal business. She said the district serves as a buffer from the hustle of overcrowded areas like the Bangor Mall.

"We're not running any specials," she said. "Customers are attracted to our holiday foods, we typically do good business at Christmas — it's a relief for our shoppers. We provide things other stores don't have and a quiet place to shop for those things."

One customer, Anita Benson from Greenbush, agreed.

"They have things here I just can't get at other stores. Not only that but they have excellent coffee," she said. "I'll probably do a lot of my shopping right here in Orono, the retailers have most of what I need and a friendly atmosphere to get it in — it's just more Christmas-y."

In addition to retailers, certain restaurant owners in Orono said they want to see more retail in the district, as business does not tend to pick up like it does in Bangor. Abe Furth, owner of Woodman's Bar and Grille and Verve, said that gift card sales increase, something he feels to be one benefit of the season.

Others said even though business does not improve noticeably, area restaurants still see cycles of strong business resulting from additional holiday shoppers in the area.

"By all indications, things are modestly improving from where they were last year. It's not gangbusters, but it should turn out to be a good season if promotions and sales numbers stay steady," McConnon said.

Diploma dates tied to job odds

Timing crucial in some fields

By Beth Kevit
Asst. News Editor

Students who time their graduation date in relation to their degree may have an easier time finding a job.

Patty Counihan, director of the University of Maine Career Center, said the percentage of graduating students finding jobs soon after December graduations is proportionally better than the percentage of May graduates due to a difference in class size.

She added that graduating students should be aware that certain types of employers tend to hire at specific points in the year.

For students with an education degree, a May graduation date is customary, as it is unlikely they would find a job in January. For students with a business or accounting degree, graduating in December is a good idea because most corporate fiscal years begin on Jan. 1, when they may be looking for new employees.

"Employers tend to forget about the academic year. They don't know when the jobs are going to open up," said Counihan. "In that way, I think December grads have a leg up."

The characteristics of employers affect how easy it is for a graduate to find a job. Counihan said the Career Center has created an October career fair for engineers, in addition to its general spring career fair.

"Engineering firms or firms that hire a lot of engineers often plan ahead a lot more than other sectors, so they know what they need," Counihan said. "For the sectors that LAS would really be interested in, those jobs have a much shorter time frame" between when employers announce the position and when they hope to fill it.

"Life After UMaine," a survey conducted by the office of institutional studies in February 2010, asked 1,507 former UMaine students who graduated with bachelor's degrees in Dec. 2007, May 2008 or August 2008 whether they had found employment or had gone back to school.

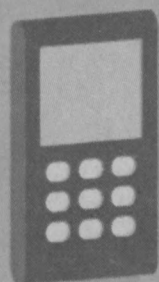
Of the 1,507 surveyed, 621 graduates responded. Seventy-one percent said they were employed full time, 14.4 percent said they were employed part time, 7.9 percent said they had enrolled in graduate school without finding a job and 6.5 percent said they were unemployed. Twenty-two percent of respondents said they had both found a job and enrolled in graduate school.

The survey of Dec. 2006, May 2007 and August 2007 graduates reported that 78 percent of graduates had been hired for a full-time job, showing that the percentage had dropped by seven percentage

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Group braves the elements for better housing

Habitat UMaine builds survivalist village on mall to draw attention to houses affected by harsh winter climate

By Jennifer Vincent
Features Editor

Members of Habitat UMaine camped on the mall at the University of Maine for three days and two nights, around the clock, to raise funds and awareness for the many area families who live in sub-standard housing during the freezing Maine winter.

The campout, Snow Place Like Home, was organized by student group Habitat UMaine and benefits Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor, which finished its 13th house in October.

"At the end of the year, we send them money we have raised to help with houses they are building and projects they are doing," said Lindsay Begley, fourth-year child development and family relations student and treasurer for Habitat UMaine.

Habitat UMaine is made up of all third- and fourth-year female students who hope to recruit a younger and more diverse group before they graduate. The organization raises funds, builds awareness of sub-standard housing in Maine and volunteers with the Habitat for Humanity of

Greater Bangor ReStore in Holden.

"We work at the ReStore, which is like a thrift shop for housewares like sinks and mirrors and everything you would need [for home improvement]," Begley said.

Habitat UMaine members spend a few days on the mall each year in a shanty, assembled from materials from the ReStore with no insulation, only sleeping bags and a small woodstove to keep warm at night.

"We want a visual to show people what inadequate housing would be for someone who doesn't have all the necessary materials to survive a cold Maine winter. Lack of insulation and stuff like that," Begley said. "It's not necessarily realistic of something people would live in, but it gets the point across that there are plenty of people in Bangor living in not ideal situations."

The group decided to try holding Snow Place Like Home in December this year as opposed to February, when they camped out last year. Higher temperatures made for a more pleasant experience for the campers.

"We figured we would try something different," Begley said. "It was a little more enjoyable because the weather has been a bit warmer, but we still got our point across."

Though

temperatures ranged between 30 and 50 degrees on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the campers had to contend with rain and snow.

"Wednesday night when we stayed out, it was a windy, rainy night. Thankfully there was no leaking; only a few drops came in, but the wind shakes the tarp really loudly," said Amanda Missud, fourth-year business management

past years we've gone door to door," Missud said. "This year we wanted to try something new and I don't think it worked quite as well. We're still experimenting with how best to approach local businesses and ask for help."

The UMaine commemorative ornament program may help Habitat UMaine to make up some of the gap between last year's and this year's earnings, according to Missud.

Each year, the University Bookstore commissions a commemorative holiday ornament and donates all proceeds from its sale to a worthy student

organization. This year, that organization is Habitat UMaine.

"I got an e-mail saying we were selected this year for the ornament. I had never even heard of it before," Missud said. "When we went to the unveiling, we learned that every penny goes straight to us."

Missud expressed gratitude for the ornament program and said, "It's like a bonus on top of what we made here."

She emphasized that while fundraising is important, Habitat UMaine is more concerned with educating the campus community.

"The point is to raise awareness that someone may not have insulation in their house, or their windows are from 1842, or they can't afford oil for a month," Missud said.

The campers say their message is hitting

the mark this year.

"We've had more interest in what we're doing. In the past, people have just walked past, looked at us and run away," Missud said. "This year people are stopping to ask questions and donate a dollar. Every little bit helps."

Increased awareness of housing issues may be due in part to the economic hardship that so many Maine people are facing this year.

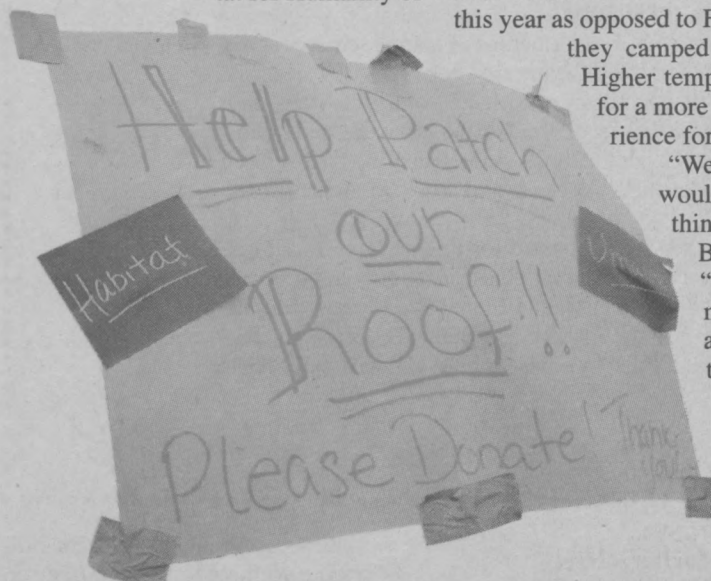
"I think it's definitely on peoples' minds a lot more than a few years ago, it has become more of a concern," Begley said.

Fourth-year sociology student Dana Buckley told a story of a student who took an interest in their cause.

"All our wood got wet and we couldn't get a fire going, a random girl walked by us and she had extra wood from another event," Buckley said. "She went and got it for us and we had a fire. It was nice, because there was nothing in it for her. She just saw we were struggling."

This is just one example of the interest students are taking in the issue of sub-standard housing this year.

"We have a lot of positive support," Buckley said. "It's really refreshing to have people who don't know us be willing to help."



Courtesy of Samantha Rhan

Top right: These paper shingles were signed and then placed on a miniature roof by community members who donated to the University of Maine's Habitat for Humanity group.

Left: Dana Buckley tends to the fire pit while camping out on the mall to raise money for Habitat for Humanity.

Right: The tarped shack was built during last year's Habitat for Humanity event and was home to students raising money for the same cause this year.

Financial aid regs not to impact UM Borrower protections only to apply to for-profit institutions

By Matthew Soucy
Staff Reporter

New student financial aid rules soon to be enacted by the Department of Education to protect borrowers and taxpayers will not have an impact on students at the University of Maine.

"A whole lot of it doesn't pertain to us," said UMaine Student Financial Aid Director Peggy Crawford. "This is kind of the knee jerk [reaction] to people being stupid."

The new student financial aid rules are designed to protect borrowers from misleading recruiting practices while requiring schools to provide more accurate information on graduation rates and job placement after graduation.

Crawford adds that the rules are aimed at schools that pay admissions employees by commission. These for-profit schools often recruit students without looking at their ability to graduate. The same schools also reported misleading information about graduation rates and job placement within their field of study in order to get potential students to take out a loan and attend classes at that school.

When these students arrived at classes, many were unable to complete the work-load required for graduation and dropped out, leaving them with a large amount of debt. Students who made it to graduation were unable to find work because they were misled about the reality of job placement in their field of study, as many cannot afford to repay loans at that point. Due to these problems the new rules state that universities and other schools are no longer allowed to operate on a per-admission basis.

"In reality, the university has everything in place to deal with these changes already," Crawford said. "We have never paid admission folks on a per-admission basis."

Crawford adds that "students here will not see any changes," in regard to students filing FAFSA information. The new rules are designed to regulate institutions rather than students attending them.

She said the UMaine financial aid department will not have to make any changes to the way it operates, but the department plans to research graduation rates and outcomes.

"We want to know where our

graduates go and what they end up doing," said Crawford. "We are very focused on this sort of information."

The information gathered through research will be used to help future students at the university.

"This research is in large part not relevant for our current students. It is more for incoming and potential students," Crawford said.

The data will be used to show potential students what they can do within their fields of study and where alumni work after earning the same degrees.

"We are going to make an all-out effort on the outcome statistics," Crawford said. "We want this information to be more visible to the students."

A portion of the new rules will take effect July 1, 2011. The Department of Education allowed for input from educators and the public while drafting the rules. The department received 90,000 comments from the public and 1,200 comments after the initial proposal, which led to 82 revisions to the proposal.

The rules have not been finalized yet, barring any major changes, will be finalized and in effect by July 2012.

Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest

Smoke signals

At 12:04 a.m. Dec. 1, an officer from the University of Maine Police Department observed a young male smoking marijuana in a car parked in the Hilltop parking lot. James Haller, 19, was issued a summons for possession of a useable amount of marijuana and referred to Judicial Affairs.

Light offense

UMPD observed a pick-up truck at 1:28 a.m. Dec. 3 with a missing front license plate and suspected the exhaust had been modified. While conducting a traffic stop, the officer saw a 12-pack of Bud Light in the bed of the truck. Nine full cans were still in the pack, but the officer verified that the driver had not been drinking. John Stoddard, 19, was issued a summons for transportation of alcohol by a minor.

What the puck?

An altercation occurred at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center at some point before 7:31 p.m. Dec. 2 during a game of floor hockey. A player on one team claimed a player from the other team hit him in the face with his stick. According to UMPD Chief Roland LaCroix, the player confronted the other team's goalie about the incident and became involved in a verbal fight. The fight escalated when the player who allegedly was hit first pushed the player he claimed hit him and then that player pushed back. LaCroix said that due to the physical nature of a game of hockey, the incident would not remain labeled as assault.

"Obviously the game got a little out of hand," LaCroix said.

Un-fare treatment

A BAT bus driver contacted UMPD at 5:49 p.m. Nov. 29 to request the removal of one of his passengers. Officers assisted in removing Daniel Mitchell, 44, from the bus due to disorderly conduct. Officers could smell alcohol on his breath, but as Mitchell had no outstanding warrants, he was released and sent home in a cab from Old Town Taxi.

Road runner

The driver of a Mazda Tribute failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection of Sebago Road and Grove Street Extension at 11:40 p.m. Dec. 2. When she was pulled over and questioned by UMPD, she revealed that her Kansas-issued driver's license was expired. The license was confiscated and sent back to Kansas.

Wile E. suspects

UMPD received a report of coyotes at JF Witter Farm at 8:39 p.m. Nov. 30. The caller said the coyotes were chasing his dog, but when officers arrived, they could not find the beasts.

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On Election Day, according to the Portland Press Herald, Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap allowed an interpretation of existing state law that said early voters could receive new ballots from municipal clerks if their original ballot did not reflect their intent in response to questioning from the Cutler campaign.

Maine law, according to the article, always provided for the issue of a second absentee ballot due to "good cause," such as loss or damage but was never interpreted to include voter mistakes.

According to Orono Town Clerk Wanda Thomas, one person changed an early vote in Orono. Old Town City Clerk Patricia Brochu said nobody contacted the city to change a vote.

Maine is one of 32 states that, along with the District of Columbia, offer no-excuse early voting at election offices — meaning that voters do not have to present any reason for Election Day absence. Voters can also vote absentee 30 to 45 days before Election Day at municipal offices, according to the Maine Secretary of State's website.

The state also offers no-excuse absentee ballots sent out by mail after constituent requests. Those requests can be made online, by telephone, in person or in writing.

Municipalities send those ballots to voters directly — something that Thomas said is a drain on town staff.

"The thing that puts the pressure on the staff is that everything is done by hand," she said. "You get a request, then you have to fill out the paperwork, then you

have to get the envelopes ready, then you mail it to them and it costs the town 61 cents apiece to mail them out."

According to Thomas, Orono had seen a rise in absentee voting over the past few years. That number has, however, dipped rapidly since 2008.

In the 2008 presidential election, she said 2,355 of 5,820 votes cast in Orono were absentee — more than 40 percent. The 2009 referendum questions yielded 1,454 absentee votes out of a total 4,323 — just less than 34 percent. In the 2010 election, 662 of 3,293, or 20 percent, of votes were completed through the absentee process.

In Orono and many other places statewide, Thomas said absentee ballots are also taken to polling places on Election Day, where wardens open them and enter votes into machines. Changing the process, she said, is an unnecessary burden on small offices.

"We do everything at this office, and for people to suddenly change their mind after they voted ... we're talking at least double the paperwork," she said. "If they wanted to absentee vote, they should have made a good, conscious decision as to who they wanted to vote for and I would think that was your reason to absentee vote."

She said she would like to see early voting and absentee voting scaled back. In 1999, no-excuse voting was enacted; before then, absentee voters were required to provide a reason for voting absentee. Thomas said she would like to see a return to that policy.

"If you were out of town, if you were sick, if you were in the hospital ... that was a legitimate reason," she said.

Brochu, the Old Town clerk,

said absentee votes do drain staff at the city office somewhat, but said "it's for a good cause."

"It's important for people. A lot of times they just don't want to have to wait in long lines," she said. "Once there was no longer a reason needed, I think people took advantage of that in a good way."

She said approximately 400 absentee ballots were processed in the 2004 presidential election while more than 1,000 were cast in 2008.

According to The Bangor Daily News, 3,044 Old Town residents voted in the 2010 election out of 7,896 registered voters. Approximately 450 of the ballots cast were absentee, according to Brochu.

Demerrit questioned the number of votes that would change after absentee re-votes.

"If people liked Libby Mitchell enough to vote for her absentee weeks in advance, how many of them are going to [change their vote]?" he said.

Thomas said the amount of time polls are open on Election Day should warrant a scale-back of absentee voting.

"We do have polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and we have four polling places, so I feel there was ample opportunity for people to come and vote that day," Thomas said. "If they wanted to absentee vote, they should have made a good, conscious decision as to who they wanted to vote for."

Cutler won the University of Maine campus vote convincingly on Election Day with nearly 49 percent of the vote. Democrat Libby Mitchell was a distant second with nearly 24 percent, while LePage took third with 20.5 percent. Independents Shawn Moody and Kevin Scott split nearly 5 percent of the vote, respectively.

Graduates from A2

points since then.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, national unemployment rose from 4.5 percent of the population in Dec. 2006 to 6.1 percent in Aug. 2008.

"I think Maine was slower to get into the recession but now it's slower to get out," Counihan said.

The most recent Regional and State Employment and Unemployment Summary published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 9.6 percent of the national population and 7.4 percent of Maine's population were unemployed in Oct. 2010.

"It looks pretty bleak if you just do the surface view. Maybe I'm an optimist, but I think things are going to turn around in this state," Counihan said.

Meghan Robitaille, a sixth-year psychology student, is pre-

paring to graduate this December. Robitaille switched from majoring in nursing last December and is unsure where to start looking for a job.

"With nursing, it was easy, but with psych, I have no idea. I'll take whatever I can get," Robitaille said. "From listening to the news, I don't have a lot of hope."

She said she would likely look for a substitute teaching job "for the time being, just to start paying off loans. Just to have something to do so I'm not just sitting at home twiddling my thumbs."

"I've just been so focused on graduating and getting out of here," she said. "I have no idea what I want to do at this point."

Allison Rusk, a fifth-year student double-majoring in psychology and international affairs, is currently applying for internships to ease her transition after graduation.

"A lot of them are unpaid work and volunteer work, so if I had a full-time job it would be

fine, but it's hard to work two jobs," Rusk said.

Calvin Do, a fifth-year business management student, is applying for jobs before graduation in hopes of lining something up for January.

"I know I'm all set for school," Do said. "Right now I'm kind of worrying. I haven't been getting interviews."

Do said he plans to work for a few years before going back to school to get his master's degree in business administration. He wants to work at an airport in a managerial position, but said he is willing to take any job.

"Nowadays, it's really hard to find a job. Any job is a good job. I'll take anything," Do said.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics will publish a report on November's unemployment levels this month, and a December report will be published in mid-January.

Read the Jan. 20 issue of *The Maine Campus* for a full analysis of the mid-year job market.

University of Maine Brief

John Dearborn, 1933-2010

John Dearborn, professor emeritus of marine sciences at the University of Maine, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010.

Dearborn was a professor at UMaine from 1966-1999, during which time he was recognized as the Distinguished Maine Professor of the General Alumni Association in 1973 and received the Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award in 1987.

A memorial service is planned for Friday, Jan. 21, 2011 at 3 p.m. at the Buchanan Alumni House. Any gifts in his honor may be made to the John H. and Bethel B. Dearborn Marine Sciences Fund or to the John H. and Bethel B. Dearborn Darling Marine Center Fund by contacting the University of Maine Foundation.

Zimbabwe from A1

"Children were not spared in this violence," she said. "We have seen children being assaulted as a way of getting back at their activist parents."

She went on to add that "the high, cold walls of a maximum security prison" are "no place for a child" and expressed her opinion that the first vote had been rigged, pointing to slow ballot counting procedures the Mugabe-led government blamed on technical difficulties.

"Even after we had the results posted at each polling location, it took the government five weeks to announce the results of the presidential election," she said.

While she did not share details of her abduction experience, Mukoko did display numerous images depicting the horrifying results of an unfavorable encounter with the secret police.

One image showed the bleeding face of a man who had been attacked at the capitol city's international airport and another depicted the back of a man covered with pockmarks the size of a pencil eraser.

"The wounds that you see ... were caused by burning plastic being dropped on his back," she said.

In order to help end years of violence and unite a population traditionally divided by political ideals under a single banner, the government created the Organ on National Healing, Reconciliation and Integration. To date, however, the organization has done little to actually achieve

these goals and it will be unable to have any real effect on the political climate before next year's election, Mukoko said.

"I think that Zimbabweans saw a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel if it had been given time," she said. "The problem is that we do not have the time for this to happen."

Despite the national government's slow response and her own abduction experience, Mukoko believes peace and healing are attainable goals. She said individuals on both sides of the attacks — victims and perpetrators alike — can only reach these goals if the truth is exposed.

She compared the current political climate to a cut that has not been treated and has been left hidden beneath a bandage instead.

"The wound is still festering beneath that covering," she said, adding, "I believe that my abductors need to be healed."

Going into the 2011 election, Mukoko said she is worried that resurgence in the number of attacks will discourage citizens from speaking their minds and prompt them to vote for Mugabe to avoid persecution.

"I am worried about what I see as violence that will break out around the election," she said.

Mukoko has been serving as the 2010 Human Rights Fellow at the Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights at Colby College and will return to Zimbabwe next month, after which she will begin readying ZPP staff for the elections.

"I only hope and pray that I will be allowed to continue my work," she said.

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DREAM Act from A1

"If we're not advocating for everyone on this campus, then we are not doing an adequate job advocating for anyone on this campus," Christopher said.

In recent weeks, national attention has fallen on Maine as advertising campaigns and White House officials promoting the DREAM Act have targeted Snowe and Collins. Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke, speaking members of the media in a conference call Dec. 3, reiterated the need for Congress to act quickly.

"Over the last 15 years, 25 percent of ventured capital companies that eventually went public were started by immigrants," Locke said, explaining it was "critical" to pass the legislation as each year promising high school students are barred from college because of their status.

"These are kids that can be our future scientists, our doctors, our military leaders and our educators," he said. "Some of them are our future entrepreneurs who will build the next Google or Intel

that will generate hundreds of thousands of good paying jobs for our country."

Regent University President Carlos Campo also spoke to reporters, saying it is "because of America's ability to dream that we have the ability to succeed."

The officials said the DREAM Act would not be a "giveaway" due to rigorous standards in place, with Miami-Dade College President Eduardo Padrón adding that opponents are "failing to see the long term benefits to our economy." The speakers cited a Congressional Budget Office study saying the DREAM Act could in fact generate \$2.3 billion over the next 10 years.

It was not immediately clear how many individuals in Maine would benefit if the legislation were passed. The Federation for American Immigration Reform, a national nonprofit organization promoting changes to America's formal path to citizenship, estimates that 4,000 illegal immigrants reside in Maine, costing taxpayers \$5 million to \$8 million annually through emergency medical care, education and incarceration.

Rob Stigile contributed to this report.

Diversions

Cat and Girl

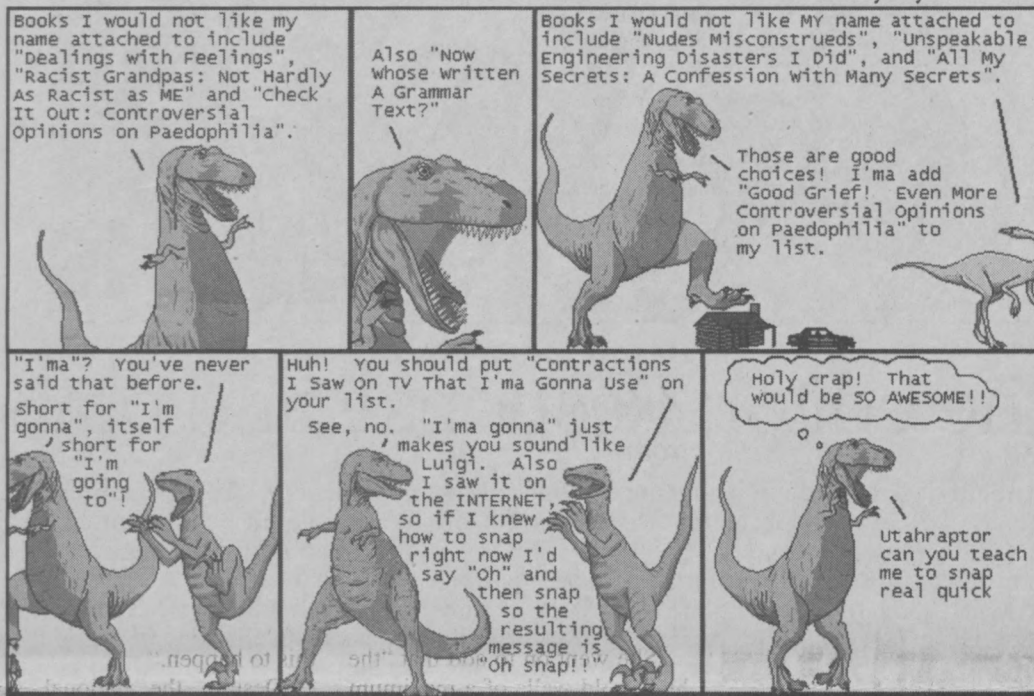
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Museum Piece

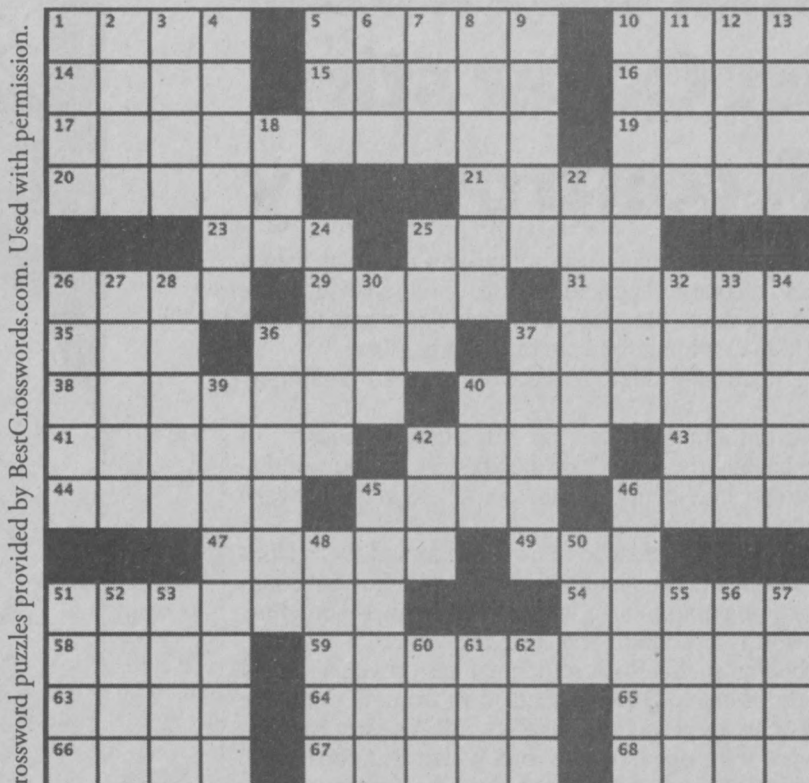


Dinosaur Comics

By Ryan North



Crossword Puzzle



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Answer key in sports

Across

- 1- Heroic
- 5- Insect stage
- 10- Some are pale
- 14- Carson's successor
- 15- German submarine
- 16- Decoy
- 17- Tolerance
- 19- Reclined
- 20- Mine excavation
- 21- Shock with wonder
- 23- Be in debt
- 25- Room at the top
- 26- Waterfall
- 29- Bog
- 31- One on track?
- 35- Lennon's lady
- 36- Cast aside
- 37- Japanese mat
- 38- Narrow walkway
- 40- Commanded
- 41- Revolt

Down

- 42- Dies
- 43- College sr.'s test
- 44- Precipitous
- 45- Peeling potatoes, perhaps
- 46- Delights
- 47- Get to know
- 49- Former coin of France
- 51- Kinfolk
- 54- Absolute
- 58- "The Time Machine" race
- 59- Tune from "Porgy and Bess"
- 63- Hero
- 64- Betelgeuse's constellation
- 65- Humorist Bombeck
- 66- Strong taste;
- 67- Minor, in law
- 68- Expensive

ers

- 2- Confined
- 3- European
- 4- Ticket
- 5- Pull laboriously
- 6- Actor Vigoda
- 7- Jockey Turcotte
- 8- Annul
- 9- Bikini blast
- 10- Assign
- 11- Hawaiian outdoor feast
- 12- "Brockovich"
- 13- E-mail command
- 18- Kareem, once
- 22- Vehement speech
- 24- Author Zola
- 25- Illustrative craft
- 26- Place
- 27- Not proper
- 28- Dame
- 30- Class
- 32- Freight

- 33- Abrasive mineral
- 34- Travels on
- 36- Variety of quartz
- 37- Snares
- 39- Using with skill
- 40- Sitcom planet
- 42- B & B
- 45- Manure
- 46- Protruded
- 48- Author of fables
- 50- Belonging to us
- 51- Salmon that has spawned
- 52- Bones found in the hip
- 53- Middy
- 55- Air-filled rubber hoop, become fatigued
- 56- Anarchist Goldman
- 57- Back
- 60- Cambridge sch.
- 61- Miss Piggy's query
- 62- Med. specialty

Sudoku Puzzle

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• Each row must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

• Each column must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

• Each 3x3 box must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Hard

Word Search

Farm

- BALER
- BARN
- BUTTER
- CAT
- CHEESE
- CORN
- COW
- CREAM
- DAIRY
- DOG
- FARMER
- FENCE
- FERTILIZER
- GOATS
- GRAIN
- HARROW
- HARVEST
- HAY
- HEN
- HORSE
- HOUSE
- LIVESTOCK
- MILK
- PASTURE
- PIG
- PLOW
- PRODUCE
- ROOSTER
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- SOIL
- SOWING SEED
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- WEEDS
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E E E O R S T O M A E R C M
W N S D T Y W O T S N R O C
E R U T S A P S R W E E D S

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a common farm animal.

Word search courtesy of puzzles.ca

Aries - March 21 to April 20 - You will easily charm members of the opposite sex. Don't be alarmed. If you can get away for a vacation, do so.

Taurus - April 21 to May 21 - Your efforts will be handsomely rewarded. Luck is with you. You may be confused regarding your love life.

Gemini - May 22 to June 21 - You can accomplish a lot if you deal with other people's money or possessions today. One of your female friends may try to disrupt your day. Stand up for your rights. It will be all around you.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - Get involved in the activities of children. They will teach you far more than you expect. You might want to spend some time by yourself in order to decide exactly how you feel. Your social activities should be conducive to finding love.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - Romance can develop; however, it will most probably be short-lived. Plan to visit friends or relatives. Just be yourself.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23 - Secret affairs may be tempting, but keep in mind that they will damage your reputation if you decide to indulge. To avoid any minor health problems, don't get too stressed. You need to take some time out to decide what you want to do.

Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23 - Use your high energy and dynamic approach to win favors from superiors. Don't let your work and your personal life interfere with each other. You're intuitive today; however, this attribute could get you in trouble if you tactlessly say what you think.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - You are best to keep your money tied up in a safe and secure place. Be creative in your efforts. Conflicts over joint finances are likely.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - You will have a problem with your boss if you haven't done your job. Groups you belong to will not only enjoy your company, but they will also share your interests. Avoid confrontations with coworkers who aren't pulling their weight.

Capricorn - Dec 22. to Jan. 20 - You need to interact with others if you want to expand your knowledge. You can make positive changes in your home. Unexpected visitors are likely. Be prepared to do your chores early.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - Erratic behavior at home may be hard to handle. Go out with friends and avoid the situation. Don't overspend on entertainment, on children or make poor investments.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - Don't be too hard on your mate. Alienation may be the result of a misunderstanding. Real estate investments will be extremely profitable in the long run.

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Opinion

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EDITORIAL

World Cup 2022 host Qatar stirs FIFA controversy

The World Cup is an event brimming with different brews, both human and alcoholic. A grand mixture of nationalistic pride with a competitive twist, the soccer extravaganza brings fanatics from the world over, pining for a sip of sporting glory.

But for the upcoming 2022 World Cup games, the tap may have run dry.

With the recent announcement by FIFA that the country of Qatar will be hosting the 2022 World Cup, a sand-storm of discontent has blown anticipation far out to sea, leaving in its wake a desert of incredulousness.

Despite being pitted against popular vendors such as the United States, Australia and Japan, the oil-rich Middle Eastern country, which is comparable in size to Connecticut, was somehow named most worthy to conduct the 2022 festivities.

Evidence behind such a FIFA settlement has proven as sticky and black as the resource Qatar benefits most from. For one, the Qatar bid was classified as "high risk" by FIFA's very own inspectors and yet, it trumped the U.S. bid, which was considered the most technically and fiscally sound of all the contenders.

Sepp Blatter, the president of FIFA, justified this decision as a positive step forward into new lands and territory, but the only "positive" expansion seems to be growing in Mr. Blatter's pockets rather than foreign relations.

The credibility of such a mindset would ultimately be confirmed if the to-be-host country were invested heavily in the sport — another subsidy the affluent Qatari cannot claim in their favor.

The best that Qatar has been able to achieve in the running for the World Cup according to FIFA rankings is 77 — only the top 32 teams can participate in the actual World Cup events. As soccer is clearly not the Qatari forte, Blatter's claim of playing a new field clearly doesn't make the cut.

The country, which bases its laws around Islam, naturally does not allow alcohol consumption of any kind. By no means is this a bad policy, but when hosting tournaments as sloshed with booze as the players are with sweat, conflict is sure to arise for both parties involved.

While the above issues are substantial, the biggest concern lies within the realm of security. Although violence is rare in Qatar, there are instances of attacks against Western targets in particular.

On March 19, 2005, for example, a suicide bomber detonated a car-bomb in Doha, the capital city of Qatar, which killed a citizen of the United Kingdom and injured several others.

As the World Cup is rooted primarily within Western culture and the influx of Western travelers is expected to be substantial, these occurrences serve to heighten the sense of unease, further tarnishing the 2022 World Cup splendor before it is even vied for.

Qatar may be a strong player on the field of persuasion, but when it comes down to safety and accommodation, they simply are not able to fight fair.

Perhaps these worries will amount to nothing. Maybe the minimal space will prove insignificant against the excitement of football valor, the biggest blasts will come from cheering fans and the only digging that goes down has to do with the construction of the nine stadiums Qatar has promised to build.

Let's hope this is the case and the black sludge surrounding FIFA's risk remains at the bottom of a barrel, out of sight and off all of our hands.

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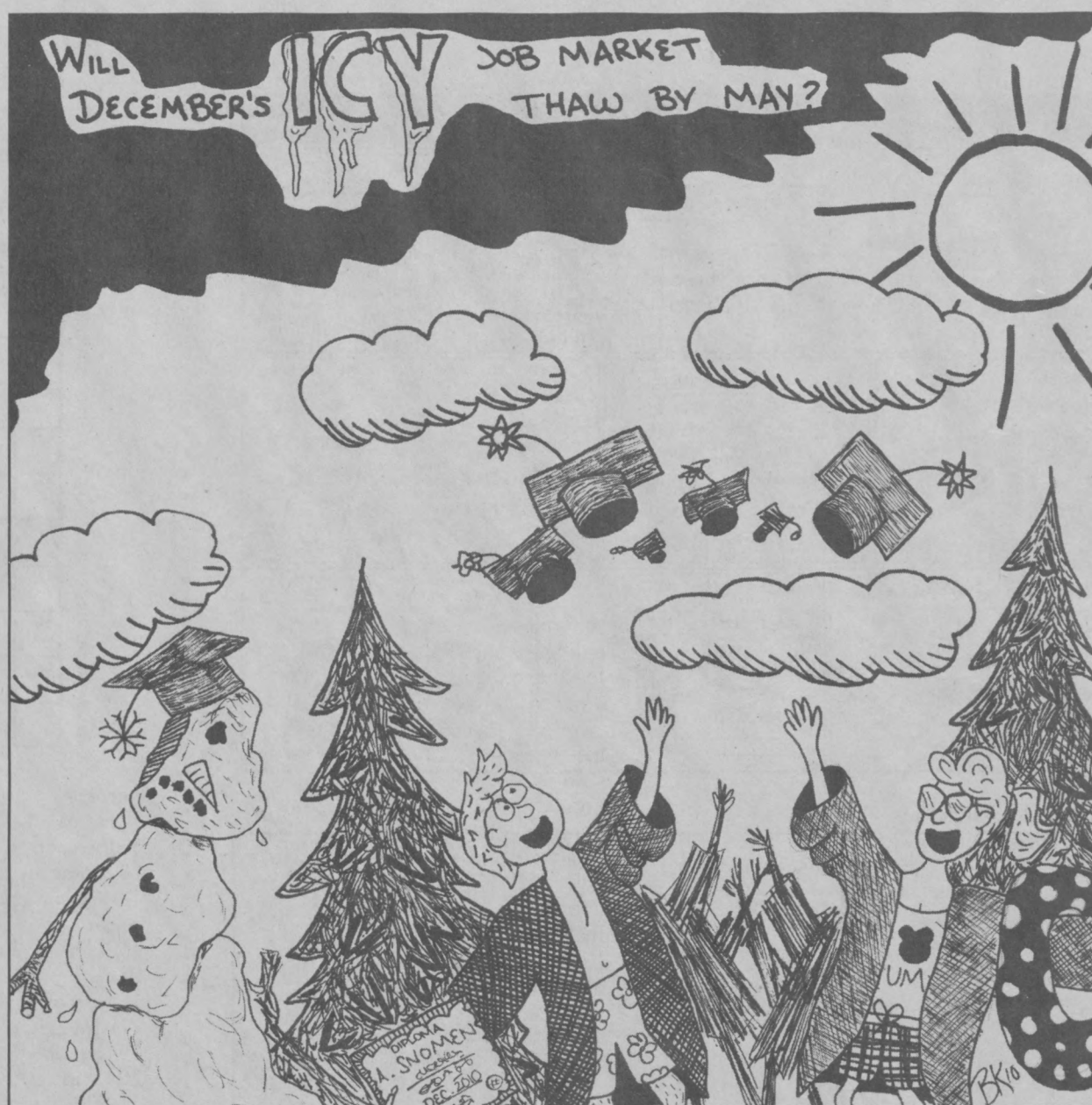
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Letters to the editor: Response and praise

GSS liberty with collective student voice unwarranted

This is a response to the Dec. 2 article in The Maine Campus entitled "GSS endorses the DREAM Act."

Let me start off by saying this letter is composed of my opinion and I am only representing myself in this matter.

Below are two descriptions of the role the General Student Senate has here on campus, found on the University of Maine website: General Student Senate (GSS) is the fiduciary body of Student Government. It consists of no more than 35 Student Senators who serve as direct representatives of students in their respective colleges. The GSS has final authority on all Student Government monetary issues, student organization matters and student administrative committee appointments. It is also takes official stances on student concerns; University of Maine Student Government, Inc. is funded and controlled by undergraduate students with the sole purpose of benefiting students through educational, cultural and social programming."

I may be mistaken, but nowhere in those descriptions did I read that the GSS will be representing the school's opinion to our state on national political issues.

Do not be confused, Sen. Goodman, as you feel it is your "duty to promote the interests of college stu-

dents," but the pushing of your political view on national issues is not of my interest.

Regardless of my political position on the matter and regardless of the fact that the undergraduate student body did not vote you nor any of the other senators in the last election into Student Government, the audacity to assume that the population at

The assertion that UMaine even has a collective interest in the issue is astounding. I have not attended a debate, voted in a poll or heard a presentation on the matter on this campus. I have not spoken to any senator about my thoughts on the act. Where is your evidence of student concern?

Thank you, Sen. Mary Emmi, for remembering the jurisdiction of the student government in their senator's political "leadership." We may be students living in Maine, but if I want to support an issue that will impact the state, I will vote in my state elections or talk to my state senators, as it is their job.

Here's an idea: Why doesn't Student Government work on issues that directly benefit students currently here, as stated in the description, and not assume the authority to speak for the majority of the student body, who again, did not elect you?

Do not be confused of my argument here: this is not about the DREAM Act. This is about how the Student Government, a group at UMaine that

represents a small percentage of students, should be attempting to better the university and the university alone — a goal similar to many other service, leadership and Greek organizations. The delusions of grandeur need to stop and focus needs to be brought back to the issues, of say, what to do with the student activity fee? How much should meal swipes be worth?; how will we ever have enough parking?; stick with what you know, GSS, and leave my "voice" out of it.

Chelsea

Promoting Pell Grant praise

Thank you for writing and publishing the article "Pell Grant funding caught up in debate."

My organization represents students across the country and we have been working hard to get Congress to fill in the Pell Grant funding gap so students mentioned in your article don't suffer.

I have been courting Sen. Collins and Sen. Snowe's office because both of their votes would allow Congress to move forward on filling the gap in the next few weeks — ideally before Dec. 3.

Rich Williams
US PIRG

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Lies the undergrad told me: Words on the worth of college



Here's the problem — I'm at the end of my rope and I'm beginning to feel tragically unprepared for the "real world."

KEGAN ZEMA

At this point, I'm in the home stretch. It's exciting to think I have one semester left of my undergraduate career, but I've got a knack for seeing the glass half empty, especially when it comes to academics.

For the vast majority of students, those who attend university fresh out of high school and do not continue immediately on to graduate school, the undergrad experience is sandwiched between two crucial stages: the search for the perfect school and the search for a job.

Each of these perspectives, that of the high school senior and the college senior, are different, but both positions help identify some major flaws in America's current post-secondary education system.

While my job search has not kicked into full swing, I am well aware of the task ahead and how my college career will factor into it. Meanwhile, a sibling of mine has been entrenched in the college application process for months now and, like many high school students, has sacrificed an ample amount of time and sanity to the process.

Here's the problem — I'm at the end of my rope and I'm beginning to feel tragically unprepared for the "real world." On the other hand, my sister is losing sleep over getting accepted to the right school in pursuit of what universities are trying to make her believe is some blissful shortcut to success.

I've got friends at universities across the state and the country who are all coming to the same harsh realization: While better than no post-secondary education, a bachelor's degree is a far cry away from the golden-ticket dream jobs we were promised when we were younger. So, why are colleges still perpetuating this story?

The mythos regarding undergraduate education in this

country needs to change drastically if we are to have any hope of cultivating a diligent, self-starting work force.

College is a process, a journey and above all, a stepping stone. When I was a high school senior it was painted as the end-all-be-all — the culmination of our entire young lives. While I've enjoyed my time here and think I made the right choice in attending school, I've come to the stark conclusion that the ever-propagated go-to-college, get-a-job ideology is a pile of cow manure.

When I do get out, no one will be holding my hand, pointing me in the right direction or lining up to employ me as I was falsely led to believe in high school. While I have plenty of peers who have found jobs and are making their way, I know just as many who are struggling.

I am also extremely lucky to be graduating in four years with an idea of what I might want to do. Plenty of my friends are going to be in school for five or six years and even then have no clue what they want to do. And schools don't seem to be advertising this eight-year plan in any admissions pamphlets.

Snap back to my sister. She's still bright-eyed and bushy-tailed about the college experience. Not that this is unfounded — compared to high school, it most certainly rules — but the slow and steady process of undergraduate cynicism isn't something I wish on anyone.

Building college up creates many problems, the least of which is attracting people who belong there. If high school students were more educated on exactly what college is and what will happen there instead of being fed the same old line, the students on campuses across America will be more interested in being there.

What I am proposing is re-casting the perception of the undergraduate education in our society. Given the straight and narrow, I think this generation could stand a much better chance at making the right decisions regarding their future.

I've found my time as an undergraduate to be valuable and rewarding, but I am already feeling uneasy about what exactly my degree will mean. If someone had given me the real deal when I started school, I think I'd have a much better attitude about where I'll end up after I march down the aisle next May.

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Columnist: Plasticized voting vanity and mentality originates in the dollhouse



SARAH
MANN

President Obama, with his dollar-ready smile and impeccably dressed family, is bringing back something we thought long lost — an injection of youth, vigor — dare we use the word 'hope'? His campaign was brilliantly designed; the word HOPE was everywhere and it need not be tacked with any others above his red, white and blue face.

If Obama is the second coming of Kennedy, the Ken doll dream, then what did that make McCain? With his fascinating leer and impossible comb over, I see less plastic, more itchy, like the type of teddy bear you were given second hand, the one that will eventually causing you to sprout a rash where its roughly sewn and worn edges touched your skin.

However, while Ken sounds and seems more attractive, Sedaris'

No real political comfort can be printed next to 'choking hazard.' If anything, it's incredibly alarming.

comparison keeps haunting me. Ken comes prepackaged, ready to be the screen for us to project our dreams on. But the really rough-and-tumble toys are jaded by past play-dates and perhaps better suited to impending storms.

It was entirely left in our hands come voting day, but how were we to know who was the better choice? Ken or Teddy? If we are all to be Barbie that leaves us one point to consider, which would you rather have in your dream house? We chose Ken, like any girl staring into a Toys-R-Us window would. But with the recent e-passing of web-sites, such as the snappy named 'What the f--- has Obama done so far?', beads of regret are beginning to form on our waxed brows.

While I'm not saying the latter was the better choice, I do feel the need to point out the almost traditional way we have become victims of our vanity. When it comes down to it, seeing the first family on the cover of OK! Magazine is an exhilaration that burns out quickly. After a while, I don't want to know where he bought those shoes or that adorable crewneck. I want answers that you can't find on the side of a box.

No real political comfort can be printed next to 'choking hazard.' If anything, it's incredibly alarming. Like Bill Maher said, "The time for the audacity of hope is over, now we hope for a little more audacity." And the word 'audacious' has never been used to describe the color pink.

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The most joyous season of the year only sentimental if it allows reflection

JOHN SHANNON

In an opinion column in the Dec. 2 issue of The Maine Campus ("Holiday Spirit Should Remain Year Round"), Ryanne Nason urged readers to "wake each and every morning looking forward to the good intentions of people worldwide."

I think Miss Nason is missing the point here, and her column shows that, really, she has no idea what the holiday season is even truly about.

People who think the Christmas season means walking around with a big smile on, wishing "happy holidays" to whomever crosses their path just don't really get it. Their hearts are in the right place, but to be honest, who doesn't get sick of all that after a while? The shop clerk is only smiling so you'll buy a few more presents from their store and the second you leave you'll be completely forgotten.

Think about your favorite Christmas TV special. Maybe it's "Rudolph," or "Charlie Brown," maybe even "The Grinch." Aside from the holiday setting, what do these stories all have in common? They're all about a group of misfits, or an outsider, and how these people who usually have nowhere to go and no real security in their lives find a group of people who accept them.

These outcasts find a family. It's no revelation to say Christmas is about celebrating your own family and friends, but people miss why, and it ties into Nason's column.

People aren't happy all the time, wishing each other well or doing each other favors. It's harsh out there and in the winter months, when the sun sets earlier and the temperature drops, it's even easier to get depressed. Christmas comes at the perfect time. We can warm ourselves by the fire and reflect on the year we've had with the people we couldn't live without.

If people are happy and joyous all year round, the season loses all meaning. It no longer feels that much more earned, that much more essential. Only by experiencing true pain can a person understand the comforts of relief, and only when we see complete darkness can we appreciate the light.

Don't get me wrong, festive joy and singing carols is fun, but there's something to be said for reflection and an earned moment of sentiment. I find a lot more meaning in hugging my brother and kissing my mother's cheek on Christmas morning because I know deep down the past year has been hard on all of us, and yet we're still here, and still love and appreciate each other.

Nason imagines a world where everyone appreciates each other, singing around a Christmas tree all year long. I like to imagine a world where my student loans will magically disappear out of the kindness of the bankers' hearts. Sadly, neither of these things will ever happen.

We cannot radically change the world we live in. Instead, we should work toward understanding it.

"If people were nice year-round, we wouldn't have to look forward to a single season of well-wishing," Nason wrote.

I say, what's wrong with looking forward to that single season which holds so much meaning and joy? For some of us, that's all we'll ever have. For some of us, Christmas is the one time of year when all sins are forgiven, all wrongs are righted and goodwill toward men becomes more than something sung about.

That's what Christmas is all about, Ms. Nason.

John Shannon is a fourth-year English student and wishes you all a Merry Christmas.

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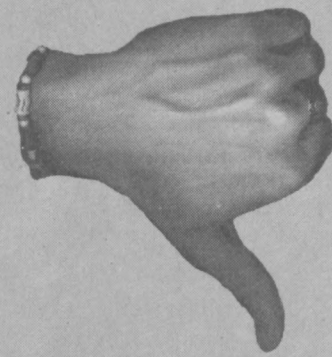
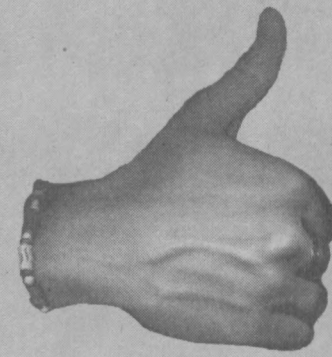
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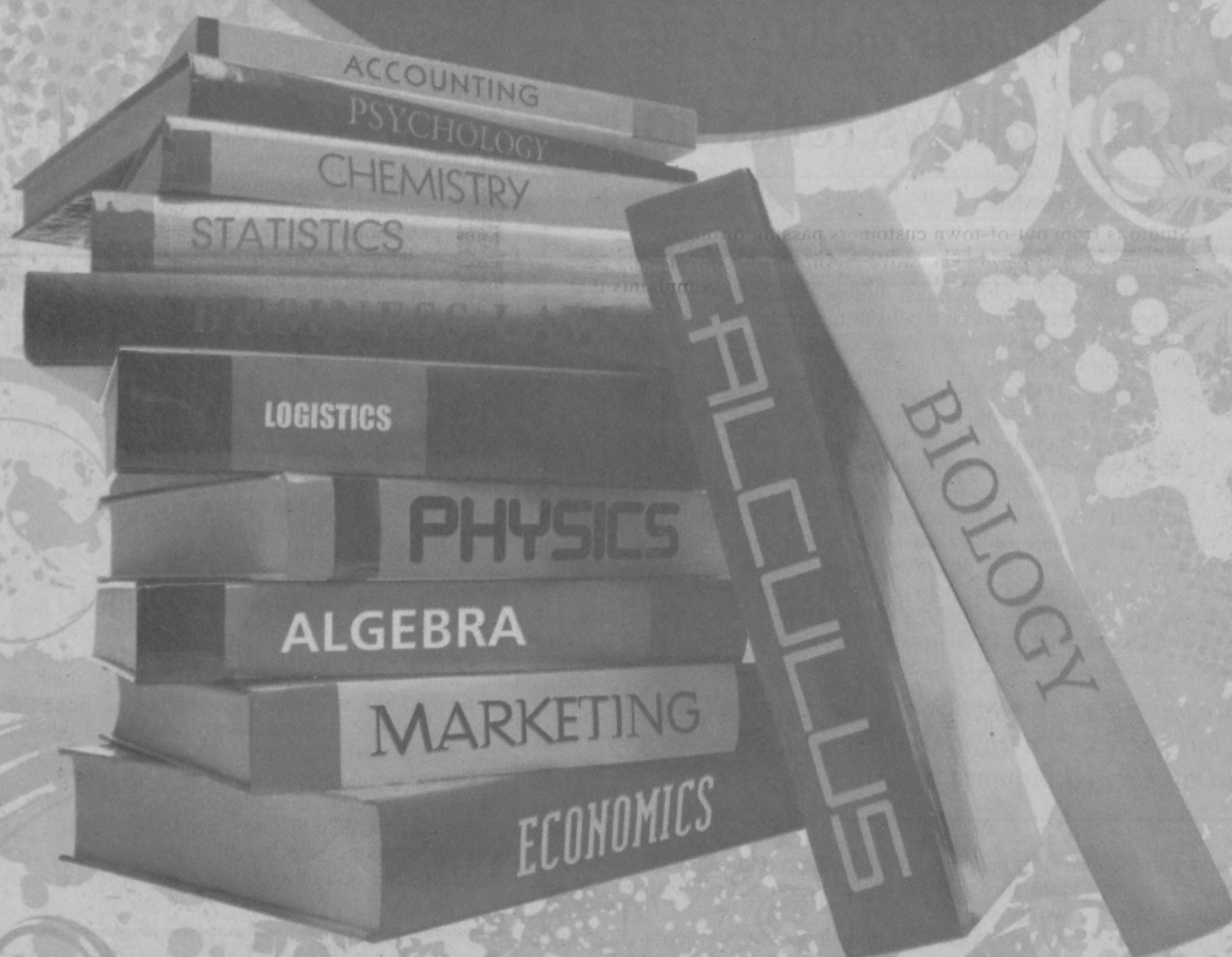
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Sew Long ... Studio says goodbye

By Kegan Zema
Style Editor

After two years in downtown Orono, designer Jessi Sader has outgrown her workshop and retail space as her clothing line expands.



Photos by Kegan Zema

A staple in downtown Orono is packing up shop at the end of the month. After two years of occupying the picturesque spot on the corner of Mill and Main Streets, Studio, the workshop and retail space owned by clothing designer Jessi Sader, is closing its doors.

While the move has been partially dictated by poor sales, Sader said it has more to do with the rapid growth of her clothing line, FXDressed. Since its inception in April of this year, her line has expanded throughout New England, with her clothing being sold in 45 stores.

Sader is now joining forces with friend Heather van Frankenhuyzen of Bella Luna in Bangor, which will operate as her flagship store. She will have a studio there as well as at her home, where employees will work from.

In some ways, this has always been the plan. Sader first moved into the space when her business became too large for her house. She primarily used the store as studio space while an addition was being built on her home. "This place came up and I'm like, 'OK, I'll work out of here and generate income by having a retail space ... and if it doesn't work out I can move back home,'" Sader said. "But I knew I always wanted to grow my clothing line. That was where I was going. I was hoping my retail would just take off."

It has taken off throughout the region, but at the epicenter, it has not fared as well.

Studio was Sader's second store in Orono, which she described as a tough town for retail. A majority of her business at Studio is from out-of-town customers passing through.

Sader blames part of the move on the poor economy and part of it on the town's atmosphere. She has received complaints that her clothes are too expensive or don't fit the right style.

According to her, Orono's identity as a college town has affected business — since students don't typically have a lot of extra money — but she sells her clothes at stores in other col-

See Studio on B2



Debunking common fatty food fallacies

Column

Fall 2010 is nearly over, bringing with it my last installment of this column until spring. Usually, I find the topics for my written work by thinking about what matters to me most. For my final column of the semester, I will write about several pieces of "food for thought" to ponder during Christmas break.

Hence, I've compiled a few interesting tidbits on a variety of foods with little-known superpowers. Hopefully between Grandma's homemade apple pie and Mom's turkey with all the fixings, you can find a way to be healthy this vacation with foods you wouldn't have normally considered.

The first food on my list is dark chocolate. Unlike milk or white chocolate, it contains healthy flavonoids that can also be found in fruits and vegetables. Studies have shown that reasonably sized portions of dark chocolate can improve the flow of blood and help to reduce the risk of diabetes.

See Health on B3



For Your Health
By Jaclyn Stevens

Two benefit shows set to take place in Orono this weekend

By Kegan Zema
Style Editor

There's no better way to celebrate the end of the semester and the giving spirit than with a weekend chock-full of rock.

Two separate benefit concerts will be taking place in Orono: The Fourth Annual Christmas Rock Spectacular on Friday at the Keith Anderson Community Center and Cluckfest on Saturday at The Roost. While the music at each venue will be vastly different, the same charitable attitude will be present at both shows.

Christmas Rock Spectacular

While it has expanded over the past three years, the Christmas Rock Spectacular is sticking to its roots. Like last year, there will once again be shows in Portland and Belfast, but the Orono show is returning to the original venue at the Keith Anderson Community Center. And there's still going to be plenty of decorations.

The Orono show will feature stalwarts of past concerts such as casio-folk trio Good Kids Sprouting Horns and indie duo Rotundo Sealeg, whose member Nate Oldham helped organize the event. However, there will be some new faces such as folk project In Houses In Trees, solo act Strawberry Allstars and the alt-country rockers The Hampden Mountain Boys.

Proceeds from each of the shows across the state benefit hunger relief, with five dollar donations for the Orono show going to Manna, Inc. The event is being co-sponsored by WMEB, who had their Halloween show at Keith Anderson canceled when the headlining band dropped out.



File photo

Restless Groove will perform at the Roost on Saturday as part of Cluckfest to help benefit Children's Cancer research fun, Chords for the Cure.

Tim Berrigan of The Hampden Mountain Boys said he was contacted by Anthony Bitetti of Good Kids Sprouting Horns, who planned the Orono and Portland shows. They attended high school together and Berrigan said Bitetti learned of his band's desire to play shows outside of the bar scene.

As new-comers to the holiday tradition, Berrigan said his band was both nervous and eager. They are also coming off more than a month hiatus from playing live.

"We'll be out of our comfort zone, but we're excited to play to different people," Berrigan said.

Bitetti said the show will be very similar to past years.

"There will be plenty of vegan-friendly cooking, more decorations than anyone can handle and music," Bitetti said.

The Keith Anderson Community Center is located near the post office at 19 Bennoch Rd. The all-ages show gets under way at 7 p.m. Friday.

Cluckfest

Three of the area's jam band powerhouses — Suit Mullet, Frank and the Red Hots and Restless Groove — will take the stage at The Roost on Saturday to help raise money for the Maine children's cancer research fund Chords for a Cure.

According to owner Jim Coleman, the entire \$5 dona-

tion, which gets attendees access and a wristband, will be going to the charity. Coleman said his establishment will never require a cover charge, unless it is for a cause.

"It's kind of a farewell for kids going away on break and a benefit concert," Coleman said.

He said he liked doing something bigger every six months or so to keep people interested. During the summer, The Roost hosted a similar show supporting Chords for a Cure that Coleman said was a success.

According to the Cluckfest Facebook page, the 21+ event will feature acoustic music earlier in the day with the bands beginning at 6 p.m.

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Weihnachtsmarkt (Holiday Market)
Information Booth, Memorial Union
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kickin' Flicks: "You Again"
Collins Center for the Arts
8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 9

Weihnachtsmarkt (Holiday Market)
Information Booth, Memorial Union
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dance Showcase
Hauck Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

A more comprehensive list of postings is available at mainecampus.com/calendar.

German Club to host Weihnachtsmarkt in the Memorial Union

Traditional fare on sale at holiday market

By John Poulin
Web Editor

To help students find the energy to finish the last two weeks of the semester, the German Club is bringing a long-standing tradition, Weihnachtsmarkt, to the University of Maine. On Dec. 8 and 9 the club will hold its second annual market by the information booth in the Memorial Union.

"A Weihnachtsmarkt, or holiday market, has been a tradition in many German cities and towns for centuries," said German Club advisor Anette Ruppel Rodrigues. "Some other European countries have similar traditions. Perhaps in the future the Weihnachtsmarkt holiday market can become a tradition at the University of Maine that attracts many visitors to our campus from the greater Bangor-Orono Area."

During a Weihnachtsmarkt, the streets are laden with stalls, decorations, nativity scenes and singing and dancing.

Today members of the German Club will gather in Little Hall to begin baking a variety of traditional German holiday desserts and to make traditional decorations that will be for sale.

Most of the proceeds will be donated to the Maine chapter of the American Association of Teachers

of German (AATG).

"Currently the AATG is discussing how best to apply the funds," said German Club secretary Clarissa Livingston. "Based on what we've heard back so far, we anticipate that the funds will help teachers improve their programs through purchases of classroom materials such as books or by helping to pay for special events such as the annual Sprachfest that give the students opportunities to apply their language skills."

"As we're entering the holiday season I feel students need a reason to give their minds a break and enjoy the holiday season," said German Club member Alexandria Garcia. "Weihnachtsmarkt will also help students become more aware of German culture and tradition at our university."

Members will be making stollen, a cake containing dried fruit and often covered with powdered sugar; zimtsterne, cinnamon star cookies; lebkuchen, gingerbread; springerle, German biscuits with an embossed design and non-alcoholic glühwein, a traditional holiday drink. This event is open to the public and the German Club encourages students to come by and learn how to make these traditional goodies.

The German Club hopes to host a larger holiday festival next year.



Sara Glidden affixes tags to items in Jessi Sader's FXDressed clothing line. Sader is moving out of Studio to focus on expanding the line.

Kegan Zema • Style Editor

Studio from B1

lege towns where they sell well.

Sader's American-made, anti-corporate clothing philosophy is the driving force behind her business, but it's a crusade she posits most are not on board with. She saw education as one of Studio's roles in the town.

"A lot of people don't care how

their clothes are made," said Sara Glidden, one of Sader's three main employees. "They don't think about it."

"Sometimes I think I make people think about it, and some don't want to hear it," Sader said. "Some people don't want to think about it."

As Sader turns her attention away from the retail store in an effort to simplify her business, FXDressed will be branding and expanding. As demand for her clothing increases,

she must make more clothes in more sizes and define her brand.

In the next year, she has her sights set on chain stores, such as the New England-based Paper Store. She explained that for one item, such as a sweater, she would have to make 280 units — this means the same fabric and design in small, medium, large and extra large versions.

For now, she is being held back by the supply logistics rather than need. As she streamlines her busi-

ness and moves out the space, she will be able to take the next steps to develop FXDressed.

Even as she grows, she is adamant about doing things her way. She wants to employ Maine people to make her clothes and is already making compromises with the fashion industry by picking models who have a more natural look.

Looking toward the future, Sader wants to take her line to New York and eventually across the country,

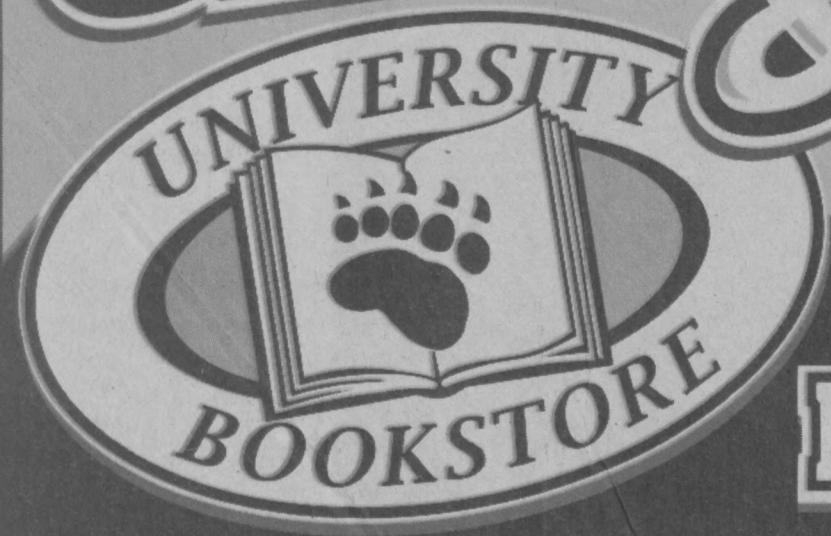
though she is not ready for those steps yet. She also wants to sell her line through companies such as Anthropologie and Free People.

"I have to get out of here," Sader said. "I'm so overwhelmed I can't even think about [bringing my line to New York] until I get this stuff moved out after Christmas is over."

While Sader did not know the future of the location, she said the landlord has expressed a desire to keep it as a retail space.

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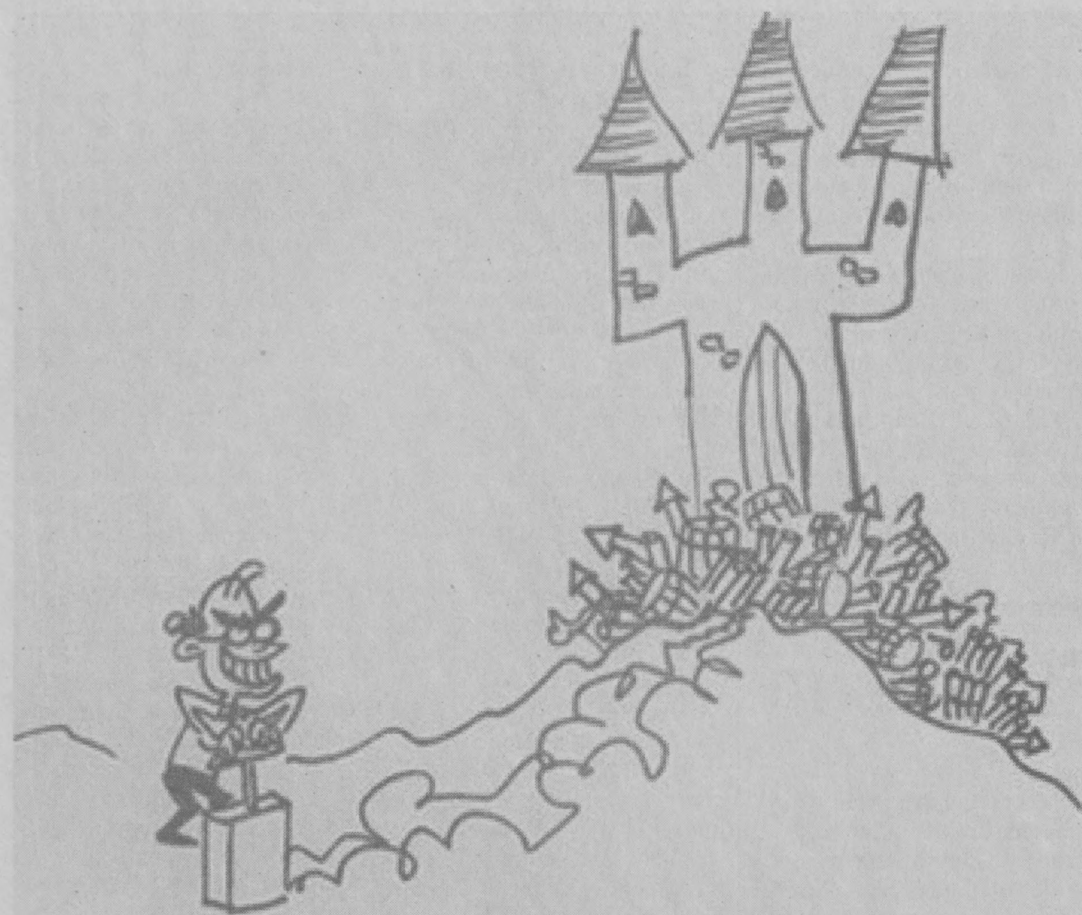
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DVD REVIEW:

'Walking Sleeping Beauty'

A rare and intimate look into the magic of Disney animation



Disney

By John Shannon
Film Critic

From 1984 to 1994, Disney Feature Animation Studios released its most successful, moving and memorable films since Walt Disney crafted "Snow White" and "Pinocchio." These titles ranged from "Beauty and the Beast" to "The Little Mermaid" and culminated with "The Lion King," the highest grossing 2-D animated feature of all time.

"Waking Sleeping Beauty," the new documentary directed and narrated by animation veteran Don Hahn, pulls back the curtain on this fabled time, revealing the trials and tribulations that leading to the production of these remarkable films, and the inevitable ego clashes that made it all fall apart.

Comprised entirely of home videos, production stills and media interviews from the time period, Hahn reconstructs the era so well that you feel like a fly on the wall of Disney's animation houses.

The film begins in 1980, when the animation unit is practically on life support, having failed for the past decade to connect with audiences, and about to churn out the biggest dud in the company's history, "The Black Cauldron."

At this time, the Disney

board of shareholders drastically shook up the company, putting three well-connected and intelligent executives in charge: Michael Eisner, Frank Wells and Jeffrey Katzenberg. The men threw down the gauntlet and challenged animators to earn their keep. They were met first with disdain and eventually respect. As the animation department began to thrive, Eisner and Katzenberg fought over who deserved credit for their success, with Wells acting as the peacekeeper between the two.

While not a hard-hitting documentary by any means, Hahn supplies enough vague commentary and bits of info that intelligent viewers can read between the lines and see fairly clearly that Katzenberg and Eisner despised each other. But, this rivalry only makes up for half the film.

The other half is the artistic revolution the studio went through during the time period. It's a thrill to see a couple hundred animators once scared for their livelihoods, suddenly driving BMWs, drinking margaritas. They're celebrating their multiple successes after many nights eating cold pizza and working at their desks instead of being with their families. Hahn presents a work environment where the only bad

guys are the men in charge, and all the animators are just earnest artists hoping to do the Disney legacy justice.

Given his closeness to the subject — Hahn produced both "The Lion King" and "Beauty and the Beast" — it's hard to see this as anything more than an elaborate home movie with occasional nods to history. However brief it is, its very well constructed.

The film clocks in at just ninety minutes, and, to be honest, I'd have been just as happy to watch something twice as long. Some of the productions, particularly "Aladdin," are skirted over a bit too quickly, and sometimes the film moves so fast it's hard to keep everyone straight.

A look at the work that went into some of my generation's favorite childhood films, "Waking Sleeping Beauty" is fascinating. Even though it all ends with a broken studio and subpar work, the film captures the endless optimism and perseverance that defined the animation studio in the late '80s and early '90s, and this optimism is contagious. One can't help but be thankful for the films these men and women created and the fond memories and twinges of nostalgia they provide.

Grade: B+

CD REVIEW:

Shannon and The Clams

Album combines old-school values with modern songwriting

By Jay Grant
Music Critic

The year is coming to a close. Its final days are littered with "best of" lists from virtually every media source at all tapped into modern music. Music lovers who don't fall victim to the vice of file sharing — or are merely fearful of losing on-campus browsing rights — are drafting their own lists for Saint Nick.

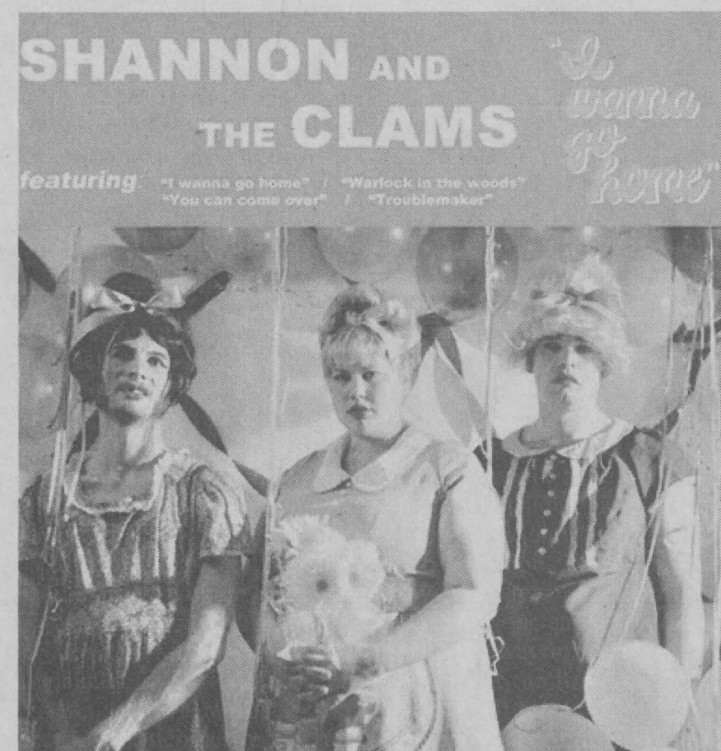
Unfortunately, it seems that these compilations will be set to print, or posted north with a criminal omission. I have decided to attempt righting this wrong and present to you Shannon and the Clams' "I Wanna Go Home," the best damn album you never heard this year.

"I Wanna Go Home" is the debut full-length from the ragtag Californian threesome. The first listen may make the revelation that the album is just a few months old a surprising one. The Clams' sound is a throwback to the early days of rock and roll when the kids first started swinging their hips to "Louie Louie" and a "nickel back" was your change at the malt shop.

Rather than come across as cheap imitators without new ideas, the group thrives on their anachronisms, highlighting all that is great about true-blue rock and all that modern listeners have lost.

The Clams understand that rock and roll need not be bloated for arena-worthy anthems, nor does repetition mean bland. Energy is their weapon and they lock right on target. Guitar lines jangle with familiarity and for the most part, the percussion is about keeping the tempo up rather than making the beat overly intricate. Boy-girl vocals trade off, running through early '60s archetypes of girl groups and doo-wop.

For all the treading through oft-traveled territory, the Clams bring a kind of punk



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rock abandon that is missing in their source material. For them, everything needs to be played louder and sung more fiercely than their idols ever had the gumption to.

Under this mission statement a track about leaving a party early, "You Can Come Over," becomes badass — sexy, even — and female-led ballads such as "Surrounded by Ghosts" and "Take it Back" are given Janis Joplin treatment. They give surf rock more ramshackle treatment than it already had on "Scuffle With the Clams" and "Blast Me to Bermuda."

It might be tempting to say the Clams' approach is just a moderately successful case of teaching an old dog new tricks. They put any such accusations to rest by showing themselves to be expert songwriters in their own right.

The album peaks with "When You're On," a heartfelt ballad about the disappointment of a lover who's only batting .500. The song is content to spend three-fifths of its short length with a continuously bellowing drum beat and hushed lamenting. In its

final moments, the song explodes with the kind of emotional climax that can only be felt, and set to repeat.

Title track "I Wanna Go Home" approaches the painful realization of adulthood's hardships that many members of the student body are presumably beginning to grapple with. Aforementioned "Take it Back" becomes a kind of dark joke when the chorus reveals it is the narrator's love they're asking for returned.

By the album's close, Shannon and the Clams have proven themselves experts in hybridization. They came at the musically rich period of the early 1960s with the powerful retrospect 50 years grants you. The result is a return to a rock and roll based on simple pleasures and appreciation for subtlety with punk's in-your-face attitude.

"I Wanna Go Home" is the total package: danceable, catchy, emotional and fun. Far from the typical snobbery and polarization of an under-the-radar release, it's a crowd pleaser that you better hope you see in your stocking.

Grade: A

Health
from B1

A study published in the journal "Hypertension" reported that the antioxidants found in this sweet treat can naturally

Grade: B+

lower blood pressure — not bad for something so rich and indulgent. So when you're considering that third piece of pie to satisfy your sweet tooth, consider reaching for a bite-sized Hershey's dark chocolate bar instead. Your body will thank you later.

If you are one of the many people in this world who has tried dieting, you may think that any food with the word "fatty" associated with it is a no-go if you want to lose weight. However, when it comes to fish, the fatter the better.

Cold water fish like tuna, salmon and trout contain large amounts of omega-3 fatty acids, a type of unsaturated fat that has many health benefits. Omega-3 fatty acids can actually lower cholesterol, reducing the chance of heart attacks.

A study conducted by the University of Pittsburgh has also shown that people with a low level of omega-3s in their systems had mood disorders such as depression, and people with higher levels were found to be more content.

While there is no concrete evidence to directly link mood changes with omega-3 levels, it's worth a try. Who wouldn't want to lower their cholesterol while increasing their good mood?

Another food that is commonly mistaken for unhealthy is the avocado. Our green friend is another one of those cholesterol-reducing foods, disguised as a fatty no-no for dieters. Aside from lowering cholesterol, avocados are chock full of vitamin E and potassium. They are also

a fairly substantial food, meaning that it wouldn't take a lot of avocado to satisfy your hunger pangs.

Yes, avocados do contain a good amount of fat. No, you shouldn't switch to a three-avocados-a-day diet. The trick, as with any food, is portion size. Having a few slices of avocado on your salad for dinner is a great way to get the health benefits of the fruit without an overload of fat.

Last, but certainly not least are eggs. Over the years, eggs have gotten a bad reputation for clogging arteries. However,

new research has let eggs off the hook for dieters and the friendly white and yellow food has found its way into many diet routines.

One egg alone contains 13 essential vitamins and minerals, protein, (and yes, more) healthy unsaturated fats. On top of these benefits, one egg also contains about 75 calories. Yep, that's it.

Katherine Brooking MS, RD., from cookinglight.com, advises eating eggs in moderation. Yolks contain almost the recommended daily quantity of cholesterol, so unless you're an egg-white-only person, try to keep your egg consumption to a couple times a week.

So there you have it, a few of life's commonly consumed and misunderstood foods, debunked. Whether you're trying to shed some pounds or just look out for yourself, reasonably sized portions of the previously mentioned foods can have you well on your way to a healthier future.

Studies have been shown that reasonably sized portions of dark chocolate can improve the flow of blood vessels, and help reduce the risk of diabetes.

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Sox nearing deal for San Diego slugger Gonzalez

Column

After more than a year's worth of discussion, the front offices of the Boston Red Sox and San Diego Padres have nearly completed a trade agreement that will send power-hitting first baseman Adrian Gonzalez to Boston.



By Liam Nee

The Red Sox, in turn, would deal four farm-system prospects to San Diego including 2010 Portland Sea Dogs Pitcher of the Year Casey Kelly, who went 3-5 while posting a 5.31 ERA last year for Double-A Portland. Florida native and 2010 Portland Sea Dogs MVP Anthony Rizzo could join Kelly as well

as 19-year-old Greenville Drive outfielder Reymond Fuentes, the cousin of Mets superstar, Carlos Beltran.

The Padres, who nearly clinched the NL West last year only to be passed in the last week by soon-to-be World Series champion San Francisco Giants after a 10-game skid, have already lost three key members from last year's successful team in just the past five days.

Six-time all-star shortstop Miguel Tejada and 2005 World Series champion pitcher Jon Garland have signed with NL West division rivals San Francisco and Los Angeles Angels, respectively, while Venezuelan catcher Yorvit Torrealba also left the team for the Texas Rangers.

As of 2 p.m. Sunday, the deadline for completing a deal with Gonzalez, Boston could not come

to a conclusion and therefore the negotiations are frozen for the time being. This does not mean the deal is dead because a rekindled trade could certainly occur within the near future after both front offices can clarify agreements that please both teams. According to several reports, the Red Sox offered Gonzalez a six-year deal but the slugger wanted eight years instead.

The A-Gonz trade buzz joins a few other deals around the league to kick off initial activity of the 2010-2011 MLB offseason. On Saturday, the Yankees and longtime captain shortstop Derek Jeter agreed to a 3-year deal upwards to \$51 million while five-time all-star veteran outfielder Lance Berkman left the Yankees' organization on to rejoin the NL Central with the St. Louis Cardinals on a one-year deal worth \$8 million.

For Boston, the potential acquisition of Gonzalez sadly could leave little room for 2010 Silver Slugger Award-winner, Adrian Beltré, who most likely would be replaced by Kevin Youkilis at third. Beltré, who finished 9th last year in MVP voting, is already a free agent and yearns for a long-term contract much like Gonzalez's — something the Red Sox could not possibly grant if they don't have a set position for the two-time Gold Glove Award-winner.

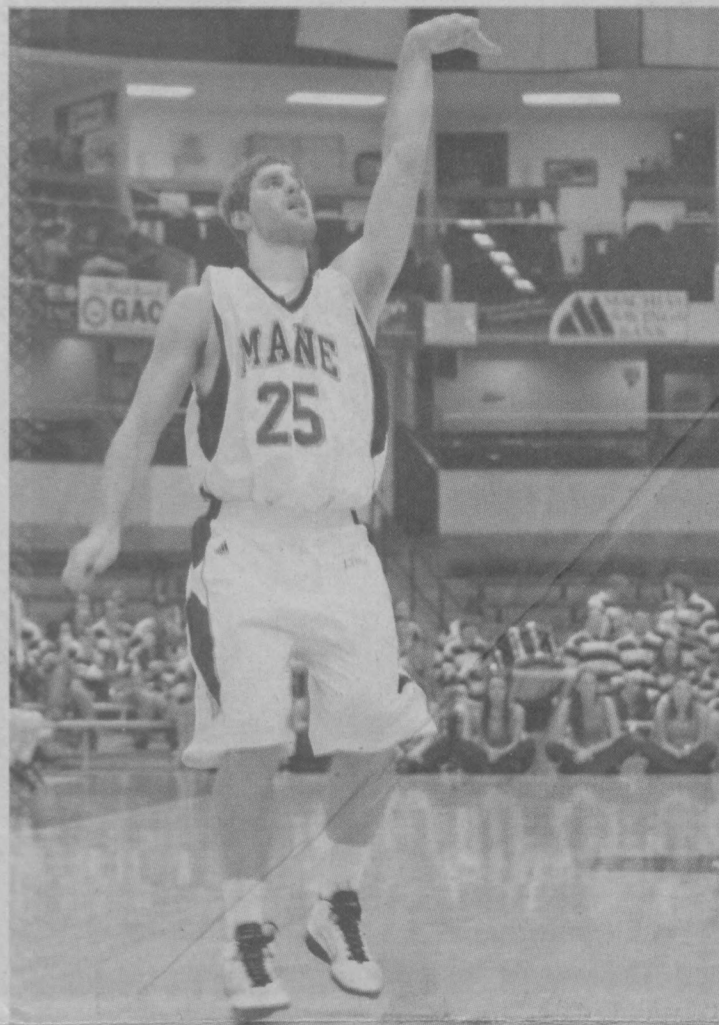
If the Gonzalez deal is unable to follow through, Boston must pursue Beltré and urge the All-Star third baseman to stay.

Earlier this month, Boston exercised power-hitting designated hitter David Ortiz's \$12.5 million option for the 2011 season. The Red Sox next target in the hot stove: former Rays' outfielder Carl

Crawford.

Former Phillies' outfielder Jayson Werth, who began this offseason as a highly-pursued free agent, was another target of Boston's general manager Theo Epstein but unfortunately signed with the Washington Nationals Sunday night for a seven-year contract worth \$126 million. Crawford is asking for quite a bit — four to eight years for \$80-110 million — but the Red Sox are in need of another superstar, especially if they can't complete the deal with Gonzalez.

The Red Sox have only dished out one contract over \$100 million in the franchise's history — the eight-year, \$160 million deal to Manny Ramirez back in December of 2000. They now face a potential two with the potential acquisitions of both Gonzalez and Crawford.



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Sophomore forward Murphy Burnatowski scored a team-high 15 points in the 62-54 loss against Brown University.

Brown from B6

spinning back to the middle for a nice layup giving Maine a good chance to win the game. Singleton finished with 11 points, four assists, and six rebounds.

"I liked how we came out in the second half," head coach Ted Woodward said. "We made a nice push and got some shots in transition."

Yet, Brown switched to man-to-man and UMaine was never able to get the offense going and run their plays effectively. Maine only scored one field goal in the last eight minutes of the game, on a nice three pointer from junior guard Gerald Mclemore at the 4:23 mark from the left wing — the last time Maine held the lead. Maine finished shooting 36.2 percent from the field.

"I wish we had shot the ball better, especially in the first half," Woodward said. "Thought we had a lot of good looks, unfortunately they didn't go in for us."

Senior forward Peter Sullivan was the high scorer for Brown with 21 points. Sullivan came into the game av-

eraging 14.8 points per game, good for 10th overall in Ivy League this season. Despite a poor night shooting from the field, going 4-12 from the field, Sullivan was quite the contrary from the free throw line going a perfect 13-13.

Brown and Sullivan attacked the rim for throughout the game and made the most of their opportunities finishing at 17-17 from the line.

With the game coming down to the wire, UMaine got another chance with full court pressure down by two with 23 seconds left. What seemed to be a jump ball or a travel on Brown's sophomore forward Tucker Halpern, was only called as a late foul. Despite the complaints from the coaches and all of Alford Arena, the call stood as a foul and Halpern went to the free throw line to ice the game.

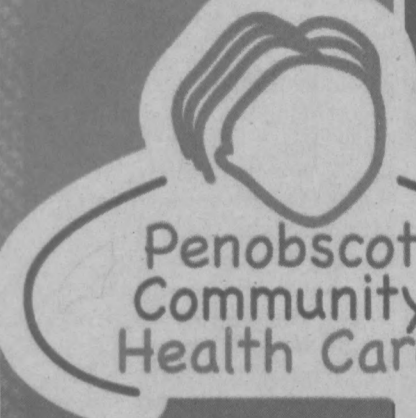
Troy Barnies was also very active for the Black Bears, finishing with seven points, seven rebounds, and four steals.

The Black Bears take on Delaware State on Monday, Dec. 6 at the Alford Arena. They travel to the University of Massachusetts on Dec. 8 to take on the Minutemen.



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Junior guard Raheem Singleton and the Black Bears take on Delaware State on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Alford Arena.



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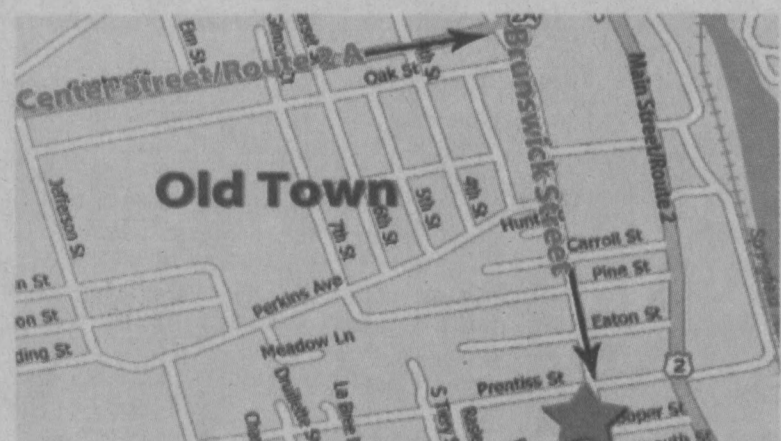
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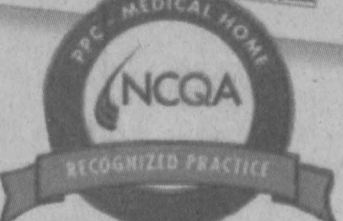
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Sox, Padres' Gonzo close to joining forces

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Men's hockey undefeated in weekend series

Black Bears failed to lose to Providence College, skating to a 3-3 tie followed by a 5-0 blowout over the Friars

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

Overall, it was a successful weekend for the University of Maine men's hockey team, drawing Providence College Friday night then blanking the Friars en route to a 5-0 victory Saturday. The weekend festivities brought the Black Bears record to 7-3-4 and 5-2-2 in Hockey East while Providence dropped to 6-6-4 and 3-4-4 in HEC competition.

Junior forward Spencer Abbott continued to score in bunches, amassing three goals and an assist in the weekend series.

Abbott scored two of those goals and assisted in the third goal of a 3-3 draw in Providence on Friday night. He found the net 45 seconds into the contest off of passes from freshman defender Brice O'Connor and senior forward Robby Dee.

The assist was the first college point for O'Connor who played against his brother, senior forward Ian O'Connor, for the first time.

O'Connor's older brother was able to match the Black

Bear as he assisted on the equalizer by senior center Kyle MacKinnon.

With eight and half minutes remaining in the first, the Black Bears grabbed the lead on Abbott's second goal of the period. Defenders sophomore Mark Nemec and junior Ryan Hegarty assisted on Abbott's 10th goal of the season.

The Friars ended the high-scoring first period with a goal three minutes later, as sophomore defender Alex Velischek

breakaway.

The power play continued to be an issue for the Black Bears, who went 0-8 on the night in addition to allowing the short-handed goal.

In the weekend finale, the Black Bears handled the Friars, scoring three goals in the final period to seal the game.

Eight minutes into the first period, the Black Bears struck first. Sophomore defender Mike Cornell found an open Nyquist, who found Diamond on the left side of the net. Diamond put it on the net and beat junior goalie Alex Beaudry.

Three minutes into the second stanza, the Black Bears doubled their lead after Abbott scored his team-leading 11th goal off passes from senior defender Josh Van Dyk and junior forward Brian Flynn.

The scoring opened up for the Black Bears in the third period, with the third goal of the game coming just 38 seconds into the period. Nyquist scored his fifth goal of the season, off of assists from Diamond and line-mate, senior center Tanner



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Junior defender Ryan Hegarty assisted on one of junior forward Spencer Abbott's two goals in the draw on Friday against Providence College.

See Hockey on B4

Black Bears crumble to Brown

Men's basketball can't hold onto halftime lead as the Black Bears fall to 2-4

By Charlie Merritt
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's basketball team suffered a tough loss to the hands of Brown University on Saturday afternoon by a score of 62-54.

The loss drops UMaine to 2-4, while Brown improves to 4-3 on the season.

Brown played a 1-3-1 match-up zone for most of the first half. The zone forced outside shots for Maine and an inability to get second chance points and rebounds was a problem for Maine throughout the game.

UMaine's high scorer, sophomore forward Murphy Burnatowski with 15 points talked about rebounding, as the Black Bears were outdone by 10 on the boards.

"We know we have to rebound," Burnatowski said. "We will continue to work on that, and we will get some

shots to fall for us in the future."

Despite the slow start for UMaine, they ended the half on a 9-2 run, giving the team momentum going into the second half.

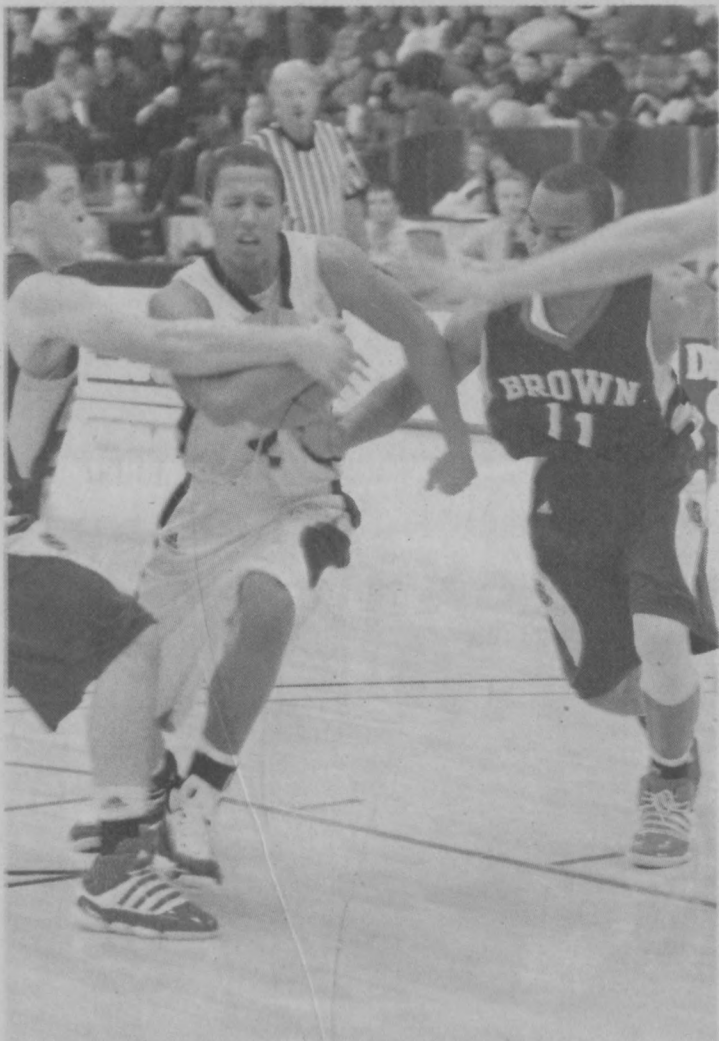
Junior point guard Raheem Singleton pushed the tempo, allowing Burnatowski to get an open look in transition for a three. The half ended with a buzzer-beater by sophomore center Mike Allison from the elbow, giving the Black Bears a one-point, 28-27 lead going into the locker room.

Maine had another 6-0 run to start the second half by boxing out and getting Singleton

to push the tempo as much as possible. Maine continued

to play well at the start of the half with 13 minutes left Singleton took it to the hoop for two and on the next trip down the court drove left before

See Brown on B5



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Junior guard Gerald McLemore and the Black Bears were not able to hold off Brown University, succumbing 62-54 against the Bears.

Women's hockey splits series

Black Bears win first, lose second to Hockey East foe University of Vermont

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

It was a give-and-take weekend for the University of Maine women's hockey team as they extended their unbeaten streak to six games with a 3-2 victory against the University of Vermont, but dropped the weekend finale to the Catamounts 4-3 in overtime.

Junior and senior forwards Danielle Ward and Jennie Gallo highlighted the weekend with two goals apiece, as the Black Bear offense was in the zone over the weekend. The Black Bears fall to 7-7-3 and 2-3-2 in Hockey East play, while Vermont's record after the weekend

is 2-8-8, as they picked up their first WHEC victory and improved to 1-6-4 in conference.

The opening game saw the Black Bears take the lead five minutes in. After a five-minute major by the Catamounts for hitting from behind, Gallo found the net after passes from freshman defender Kelly McDonald and senior forward Jordan Colliton.

The Catamounts equalized the score on a power play of their own. Senior defender Hannah Westbrook found sopho-

more forward Erin Wentz for the game-tying goal.

The scoring took a break in the second period, but was in abundance in the third. Sophomore forward Brittany Dougherty scored on another Black Bear power play. Ward found junior forward Dawn Sullivan, who strung a pass to Dougherty for the go-ahead goal.

It would take just 45 seconds for the Catamounts to knot things up. Wentz proved too much for sophomore goalie

Brittany Ott, tallying her second goal of the night.

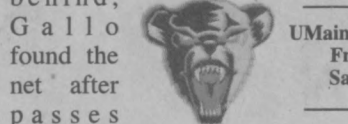
But, the Black Bears made sure the game wouldn't see extra time, as Sullivan scored with fewer than 10 seconds remaining. Sullivan forced a turnover in the Catamounts' zone and fired a shot into the top corner.

Trying to ride the emotional victory into the next night, the Black Bears came up short in another thriller in Burlington, falling 4-3 in overtime.

The Catamounts gained the advantage first in this contest, scoring midway through the first period.

Vermont added a second

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Host countries for 2018 and 2022 World Cup raise eyebrows

Column

Call me selfish, but it's not all that rare for an American to root for America. Also, as an aspiring sports journalist, the 2022 World Cup was the bull's-eye for my long-term hopes and dreams.

The United States looked like the favorites to host the World Cup for the first time since 1994 — back when I still dreamed of becoming a soccer player, not writing about them. However, the ruling Thursday announced the hosts of the 2018 and 2022 world competition, with first time hosts Russia and tiny Middle East nation Qatar being awarded host countries, the Federal International Football Association abides by their beliefs that broadening horizons is more important than their bank account.

Yeah, right. A prominent reason why

these two countries won the corrupt and col-luded voting process is precisely because of the cash they have. Russia has made it clear that it will build immaculately designed stadiums to host the event, while oil-rich Qatar has acknowledged doing the same.

However, by not choosing either England for 2018 or the United States for 2022, FIFA is walking a fine line of trusting these broadened horizons. Counting the recently completed World Cup in South Africa — the first on the continent — followed by the 2014 event in economically booming, yet new-to-the-world-stage Brazil, followed by the first World Cup in Eastern Europe and the

Middle East, respectively, FIFA is running the risk of failing on the biggest stage of them all.

Call me a pessimist, but I don't see FIFA going four-for-four in successfully obtaining world peace through soccer.

South Africa proved a success, as will Rio de Janeiro, with the 2016 Summer Olympics following the World Cup in the South American country.

I'm also optimistic about the Russia World Cup, as they too have an Olympics invasion, the 2014 Winter Olympics. Surely, the winter games would be a good barometer as to whether the largest geographical nation can host the most popular world event.

The decision that really scares me is the one on Qatar hosting the 2022 World Cup, and not for reasons that would stereotypically come from an American having fears of a Middle Eastern-hosted gathering.

On geographical terms alone, Qatar is nowhere near cut out to host an event the magnitude of the World Cup. This tiny desert nation is roughly the size of Connecticut, our third smallest state.

The population of Qatar is about the same as San Francisco. I always thought the traffic was

bad when Orono was infested with 12,000 college kids. I can't imagine Qatar with the influx of millions at once.

Another horrible characteristic of Qatar is the temperatures this hostile environment reaches during the summer-time. Average temperature during the time that games would be played is 96 degrees, and can reach up to 120 degrees.

This next problem is a bit more social, yet certainly needs to be addressed. Booze is outlawed in Qatar. Public intoxication could result in deportation

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